

**CT Region Service Committee**

**September 26, 2009**

Southeast Mental Health Authority (Uncas on the Thames) 401 W. Thames Street #301, Norwich

The meeting opened at 2:10 p.m. with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer

Visitors: Laura was welcomed. Group members read the Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Concepts.

Roll call – RCMs from 8 areas were present.

Minutes from Aug. were reviewed; voted on and accepted, 8-0-0.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

**Chair** - absent/OTF

**Vice Chair** – Adam presented a written report. Adam apologized to Danbury Area for not making the submitted changes. Attended Schedule committee meeting. No other addicts in attendance. Went to Literature subcommittee meeting. No other addicts in attendance.

**Treasurer** – Dwight presented a written report for September. Opening balance: \$2,416.76. Area donations: \$1,891.23. Misc. Donations returned: \$3,450.00 (Note: These monies were from the following: **Motion #1**: 8/29/09; To move \$3,000.00 from the Schedule Reserve to the general RSC fund. Maker: Adam H/Vice Chair; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dwight and \$450.00 seed money from H&I Learning Day t-shirts) Expenditures: \$912.37. WSO Fund Flow: \$2,379.17. RSC Closing Balance: \$4,466.45. Schedule Closing Balance: \$1,402.93. Checkbook Balance: \$5,869.38. Report accepted, 8-0-0.

**Alt. Treasurer**- OTF

**Regional Delegate** – Gerry P. presented a written report. He attended the CCASC this month and plans to attend other Areas soon.

**Alt. Regional Delegate** – Ron presented a written report. Ron will be attending the North NE Region of NA MRLE XI in Alfred, ME on 12/4-12/6. The main focus of the event will be the CAR report. Gerry will attend the World Wide Workshop in Peabody, MA on Nov. 20-22. NAWS is looking for addict input in the changes it made to its web site regarding meeting updates. Go to <http://new.development.na.org/?id=phoneline> or a questionnaire is available at <http://questionnaire.disc.na.org/index.php?sid=76262&newtest=Y&lang=en>.

**Web Servant** – Roberta presented a written report. She distributed a packet of emails that have been sent to the web site. Although Roberta is now in possession of the software for the website, there are licensing issues. We have only 2 licenses and at present both are still on other computers. This will be discussed further in Sharing Session. Roberta will be attending the Peabody Mass Worldwide Workshop (11/20-11/22) because it will involve communications and the website.

**Alt. Web Servant** – OTF

**SUBCOMMITTEES:**

**BOD** – absent

**Convention** – Keith presented a written report. Entertainment is waiting on bids for the comedy show and dance. Registration is up and running; hotel rooms can now be reserved.

**H & I** – Buddy presented a written report. 83 meetings are being served. 2000 schedules were distributed. Position is OTF.

**Literature** – OTF.

**PI/PL** – Adam presented a written report for Justin (Absent/ at Learning Day). Regional policy needs to be updated to accommodate the new phone system. There was an \$11.00 charge for overrun of minutes, but this was cheaper than upgrading the policy. A Spanish phone line coordinator was voted in.

(Thanks, Deb!)

**Schedules** – Position is OTF – Vice Chair, Adam, submitted a written report. No Literature meeting due to lack of attendance. Will be removing the “non-smoking” category from the schedule since all meeting spots are now NS. There are 11,030 schedules remaining.

**WSR** – Adam read a written report from Pat (absent/at Learning Day). Gerry asked RCMs to let Areas know that the WSR is in dire need of addict support.

### **AREA REPORTS :**

CCA – Robin B gave a report. Positions OTF: Alt. RCM, Secretary. Fund Flow: None.

GDA – Gay gave a report. Positions OTF: PI Chair. Fund Flow: None. Asked if a letter from the insurance company was ever issued to the addict that was harmed in a meeting (No.) and what are Areas doing with the 5<sup>th</sup> edition Basic Text (H & I’s, group conscience, )

GHA – Scott C gave a report. Positions OTF: None. Fund Flow: \$249.57. There is an extensive list of activities on their website (ghnasc.org)

GNHA – Kate B. gave a report. Positions OTF: Vice Secretary, Alt. RCM. Fund Flow: \$398.00.

GWANA – Tim gave a report. Positions OTF: Lit. Chair, Alt. RCM, Secretary, Campout Chair. Fund Flow: none

MSUA – Megan O. gave a report. Positions OTF: Chair. Fund Flow: \$421.59.

SFCANA – Report was not submitted.

TVA – Art gave a report. Positions OTF: RCM and Alt. RCM and BOD (now OTF at large). Fund Flow: None

USA – Myron T gave a report. Positions OTF: Activities Chair. Fund Flow: None.

Break – 10 minutes

### **SHARING SESSION:**

~ **Scott:** When does Hartford host? Adam in about a year or so. (Note: Cycle to MSU next then CCA then TVA then GW then GNH then Hartford.)

~ **Gerry:** Areas should consider holding Learning Days on days that don’t conflict with other events. For example, today we are missing PI/PL and WSR Chairs due to Learning Days.

~ **Adam:** Do we really need a Schedule Committee? –Buddy: it’s not needed because it’s all done electronically. –Megan: What would it look like without a committee? –Ron: Could it be done by 1 person? –Dan: Yes, but it should be done with shared committee. Maybe it should fall under PI/PL or Executive committee? –Adam: or under our nonexistent Literature committee? –Gerry: originally it was part of the Lit. committee. The purpose of service committees is so any addict can participate. –Gay: I’m not comfortable with making a decision today. How often are the schedules changed? –Adam: generally every 3 months. Should schedule person be the only 1 responsible for how much to order? Day and time restraints of the printer make it so that we must have a person who is available during the day. –Dan: Do we want a Motion? –Buddy: Does it need to go to Executive Committee? –Megan: If we want addicts to get involved we shouldn’t eliminate these. –Scott: What if someone does show up? We ask for support and maybe we will get it. – Roberta: How long since we’ve had a Schedule Chair? – Adam: About 5 months. –Gerry: Maybe we should change the meeting night or location. –Myron:

Maybe we're not effectively communicating that there's a need. Just because there's a lull doesn't mean we should suspend the committee. What about flyers? –Roberta: Maybe the working Literature subcommittees would have suggestions. Gay: Maybe Literature Chairs at Areas could be more involved in discussing literature, which includes schedules.

~ **Dan**: Should CTRSC meet every other month with more electronic communication in the interim?

– Adam: I tried that 3 years ago. It failed. – Megan: RSC would be even longer if we did that and we would lose active interest. – Ron: Concerns need to be addressed more often than every other month. –

Adam: RSC used to meet 2-6:30. – Tim: There would be even more motions with that much time passing.

~**Dan**: to adopt PR guidelines/roles. – Roberta: In my report I strongly encourage addicts to attend the World workshop in Peabody. –Gay: Each Area has a choice of what they'll do. – Adam: 1998 World Service Conference voted to have 1 World Board. World H&I and World Policy were condensed into one World Board. – Roberta: This workshop is important because we should know what's being talked about globally.

~ **Dan**: Electronic distribution of reports. Maybe we could go paperless? –Vicki: Some don't have computers and we'd have to change servant positions to include computer literacy. –Buddy: complicates matters because we would be sending out reports to everyone. Where would it stop? –Scott: Not everyone is computer literate. –Megan: could consider including links to various subcommittees which could be included in minutes. –Roberta: It isn't currently possible to post everything on website. – Adam: maybe we could do the link thing for now as optional. If anyone would like to do that, send to Vicki.

~ **Roberta**: Web license workshop. We should have structure to website, may need to purchase a new license. Issue is that license may or may not be passed on appropriately every time. Could we a) use a free program or, b) add an agreement that the web servant will get off the software license. – Buddy: Do what you need to do. – Dan: License issue. Sometimes the software person will work with you. Aren't you empowered to write a policy for your position? Adam: Yes, she is.

~ **Roberta**: World workshop: I am attending the Workshop in Peabody MA and I am asking this body to consider reimbursing me for the \$109/night for attending the Workshop. I would also like to purchase a new software license for \$399 to Dream Weaver. – Adam: will call Adobe on Monday and straighten out licensing issues.

**OLD BUSINESS: None**

#### **ELECTIONS:**

**BOD Seats:** Ron from SFCNA was qualified and was voted in 7-0-1. Thanks, Ron! **TVA and CCA are now out to the fellowship at large.**

**Chair Person:** Adam was nominated, qualified and was voted in. 8-0-0. Thanks, Adam!

**Vice Chair:** OTF. 4-year clean time required.

**Alt. Treasurer:** No nominations or volunteers. **Remains OTF.**

**Alt. Web Servant:** No nominations or volunteers. **Remains OTF.**

**Schedule Chair:** Donna qualified and was voted in 8-0-0. Thanks, Donna!

**Literature Chair:** Buddy nominated. Declined. Remains **OTF.**

**H&I Chair:** H & I committee nominated Mike. Qualified and voted in 8-0-0. Thanks, Mike!

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Motion #1:** 9/26/09; To create a new line item in the Webservant Budget for fiscal year 2009/2010 for attendance at the World Wide Workshop or other pertinent Learning Days and to transfer monies from the line item for software to the new line item.

Intent: To allow the Webservant to attend pertinent workshops/Learning Days, and to gather and share information to better serve this Region..

Maker: Gerry T/RD and Roberta T/Web Servant; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Megan/RCM MSU

**Motion Tabled to Areas for 60 days by Dan/RCM SF; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim/RCM GWA. Return to table on November 28, 2009.**

The meeting closed in the usual manner at 4:58 p.m.

Pleasure to serve,  
Vick

Note: Megan-RCM/MSU will bring directions for the November Region to the next Regional meeting at Uncas on the Thames.

**Upcoming Activities**

Visit [www.ctna.org](http://www.ctna.org) Activities page for directions and events in other regions.

**Note: GHA has many activities listed on their website that are not listed here. Go to [www.ghasc.org](http://www.ghasc.org) or [ghac.org](http://ghac.org)**

Oct. 3 Walk on the Beach. West Haven Beach, 1:00 pm  
Free.

Oct. 11, 2009 Between the Covers 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chili Contest, P & F Pond, across from 656 Silver Lane, East Hartford

Oct. 9-11 "Solutions for Sisters, Women's Retreat;  
Incarnation Retreat Center, 253 Bushy Hill Rd; Ivoryton, CT. Price: \$165.

**Cancelled: Free to Be Me Retreat, 10/9 – 10/11**

Oct. 17 Speaker Jam. 12-9pm Hartford

Oct. 24 TVA Learning Day on the 12 Traditions, 10 am-5. YMCA, 50 High St., New Britain

Oct. 31 Halloween Dance, 30 South St, New Britain

Nov. 14 Holiday Fund Raiser. St. Andrew's Church, 20 Catlin Sts., Meridan. Free.

Nov. 14 GHA PI/PL & H& I Learning Day; 285 Church St, Hartford. Free

- Nov. 15      Family Fun Day; 2-6 pm. So. Windsor
- Nov. 21      Sponsor/Sponsee Dance and Dinner; 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church, 62  
Colony St., Meridan; \$10.00
- Nov. 21      Speaker Jam/Dance; 2<sup>nd</sup> Congregational Church, New London. More info  
to      follow.
- Nov. 25      Feast before the feast; Pre-Thanksgiving dinner; Bethany Lutheran  
Church, Cromwell. Free. Food donations requested.
- Jan 8-10, 2010      25<sup>th</sup> CTCNA Convention Hilton, Stamford. Hotel registration is  
now available. Convention registration is now available.

Vick—check RCM notes for more activities then send