



AREA SERVICE MINUTES: February 23, 2023

OFFICERS/ SUBCOMMITTEES	NAME	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Chairperson	Laura M.	P	P										
Vice Chairperson	OPEN	X	X										
Treasurer	Laura C.	P	P										
Secretary	Jess 2.	P	P										
RCM #1	Debbi R.	P	P										
RCM #2	OPEN	X	X										
Policy Chairperson	OPEN	X	X										
H&I Chairperson	Peter K.	P	P										
Helpline Chair	Reine A.	P	P										
E&A Chairperson	OPEN	X	X										
Literature Chairperson	Michele O.	P	P										
Literature Vice Chair	Denise M.	P	P										
Mail Accountability	Denise M.	A	P										
Meeting List Chair	Christine S.	P	P										
Outreach Chairperson	Kelly B.	P	P										
P.R. Chairperson	OPEN	X	X										
Literature Review Chair	OPEN	X	X										
Convention Chair	Steven J.	P	A										
Convention Treasurer	Keith R.	P	P										
Coffemaker	Dominique	P	P										

AREA MINUTES – FEBRUARY 2023

Motion to accept last month’s minutes

Accepted

ATTENDANCE

1st Roll Call: 13 Committee Chairs and 15 GSR's – Quorum is 7 GSR’s, Quorum Met.

2nd Roll Call: 15 GSR’s present, Quorum Maintained.

NEW MEETINGS – WELCOME TO OUR AREA!

- Becoming Whole- Tuesday @ 6:30pm
St Paul AME Zion Church
156 Center St. Ellenville

NEW GSRs – WELCOME, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

- Becoming Whole- Herman C.

*****REAL DEAL IS IN ABSOLUTE NEED OF SUPPORT. IN THREAT OF CLOSING*****

GROUP NAME	GSR	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
A New Way	X	A	A										
Alive & Free	Anne D.	P	P										
Back to Life	Ralph M.	P	A										
Based on The Evidence 2	Kathy M.	P	A										
Becoming Whole	Herman C.	X	P										
Cancer in Recovery (Zoom)	Erin H.	A	A										
Clean & Free	James L.	P	A										
Clean & Serene	Brian G.	P	P										
Come As You Are	Kelly B.	P	P										
God Shaped Hole	Lynn B.	P	P										
Hope in Hudson	Ryan R.	P	P										
Hope Of Courage	Gilbert S.	P	P										
Journey to Recovery	Crystal R.	P	A										
Just for Tonight	Andrew	A	A										
Last Chance	Eric M.	P	P										
Lifeline	Jennifer C.	P	P										
Living Clean	X	A	A										
Living Proof (Men's Meeting)	John B./Derrick T.	P	P										
Men Do Recover (Zoom)	X	P	A										
Midweek Miracles	X	P	P										
Miracles Happen	X	A	A										
Miracle on Main Street	Ali G.	A	A										
Monday Night Miracles	Keith R.	P	P										
New Beginnings	Jermaine B.	P	P										
On A Woman's Journey	Kat C.	P	P										
Pay It Forward	X	A	A										
Peak of Serenity	Lavona	P	A										
Principles B4 Personalities	X	A	A										
Real Deal	X	A	A										
Recovery on the Mountain (seasonal)	Tom Z.	A	A										
The Message is Hope	Christine S.	P	P										
Unity In The Community	Brother Minister	P	P										
Vision of Hope	X	A	A										
We Do Recover	Steven P.	A	A										

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT – Laura M.

No Report

VICE CHAIRPERSONS REPORT – OPEN

SECRETARY REPORT – Jess 2.

Reminder:

If there is a time during the month when someone decides to celebrate and they were not on the announcements sheet, please email me and let me know and I will send it out to everyone!

Thanks, Jess

RCM #1 – Debbi R.

Highlights of the last meeting (the minutes were sent out password locked and just rep'd the new ones: Haven't had a chance to review them.

Albany- Rensselaer Area had questions regarding elections; so they were delayed.

Kevin L has accepted the nomination for Webmaster! Hooray! He has the willingness to serve, 4+ years clean, has a sponsor who has a sponsor, works the steps, has decent computer skills, is reliable and good communicator. Never been asked to step down from any position, never misappropriated NA funds and has fulfilled his commitments.

Region is thinking of creating E&A position, just to coordinate the different areas events. There were 3 Valentine events on the same day.

I want to acknowledge and thank Reine. She was the only one in attendance for the CAR/CAT Zoom review. So, she represented the AREA

The next Region meeting is in person March 4th.

ILS, Debbi RCM

RCM #2 – OPEN

POLICY CHAIRPERSON REPORT – OPEN

H&I CHAIRPERSON REPORT- Peter K.

Our monthly meeting was held last week.

There were ten people in attendance, which was an improvement. Reports from panel leaders regarding existing commitments were overwhelmingly positive. We are well received wherever we go. The clients in the various facilities are welcoming and are grateful for the presentations.

We still have openings at all the county jails in our area and at several state facilities. We do have several people in the process of getting cleared to go into correctional facilities but obviously we need more. At this point we are not serving any of the correctional institutions

In addition to the jails and prisons we also have openings at the following facilities:

- Cornerstone in Rhinebeck

We already have several presentations there every week, but they would like one every night of the week.

- Daytop-Fox Run
- Florence Manor in Poughkeepsie
- Riverside Recovery in Catskill
- Serenity Scene in Rifton

We have also been invited to bring presentations into Able House and the Cape Road Facility in Ellenville. We have gotten several new members who will be put into positions as soon as they have fulfilled the requirements:

Attendance at at least two Committee meetings, completion of the training for new Panel leaders, and two observations (going to a presentation with an established panel leader).

We elected Gary D. to be our training coordinator, a position he has served in the past.

We elected Shannon to the position of Secretary to take over from Carol who has had to step down.

Our Vice-Chair has also had to resign, so we will need someone to take over that position. If you are interested or have someone you would like to nominate please see me.

In grateful service,
Peter K

HELPLINE CHAIRPERSON REPORT – Reine A.

From 1/26/23 to 2/22/23, the Helpline received one voice message which I returned, It was from a woman that had a son using Heroin in NYC. The helpline also received 12 incoming calls, which 2 were from me and 3 outgoing calls. It looks to me as if we have a credit still of 49.35. Since Nov, Ninja began charging us 20.00 a month. Prior to this, it was 9.95 a month. I have been calling Ninja and speaking to a person who gives me a ticket number and says that someone will call me back and no one has called me back. I have emailed the support number numerous times and no one emails me back. I had called Eric, the previous Helpline Chair and he has tried to get in touch and no one has called him back. After being very frustrated with all this and not being able to communicate with anyone at this company. I called the ABCD Helpline number because I wanted to see how that was running. It was very easy system. It asks you to choose number 1 if you want to speak to a volunteer or choose number 2 if you want a list of meetings. I chose number 2 and it asks if you want a meeting list by zip code or city. I called twice of course and tried both ways: They gave me a list of meetings in MHA and also texted me the 5 meetings to my phone. I then called the ABCD Helpline Chair Cassie. She told me that our area is on their Helpline, and its no cost to us. They pay for it as the region. She also said that when you push 2 for a meeting, it will give you the meetings that are coming up close to the time that you called. So if you called at 12 noon. It will give you a list of meetings coming up after noon. She said that I can ask for volunteers that are already on our Helpline or anyone else if they would like to be a volunteer. The volunteer is only to speak to an addict that needs to talk. She said most of their calls are for meetings. We would be a sub committee. I would attend the sub committee meetings. She just asked that any changes to our meeting list be updated with the Region, which I am sure Christine is already doing. I know that our current Helpline also has a space for someone to leave a message for PR and H & I, Since I took over in Oct, there has only been 1 call to H & I.

So going forward, I feel that it would be prudent for our area and will also promote unity to join in with the ABCD region Helpline, which again, we are already a part of and is to no cost to us. I will work on talking to our volunteers and others if they are interested. The Helpline number would need to be changed on our literature. I will speak to the meeting list chair about that. Like I said, we still have 49.35 credit with Ninja, which can run out by the time we get this all going.

The ABCD Helpline Number is :
315-847-3842

In living service,
Reine

E&A CHAIRPERSON REPORT –OPEN

LITERATURE CHAIRPERSON REPORT – Michele O.

Previous Month Sales: \$862.85
Previous Month End Inventory: \$3332.12
Total NAWS Purchase: \$700.45
Starting Inventory: \$4032.57

LITERATURE VICE REPORT – Denise M.

No Report

MAIL ACCOUNTABILITY- Denise M.

One Piece of mail

MEETING LIST CHAIRPERSON REPORT – Christine S.

We added a new meeting to our list!

Unity in the Community on Monday & Friday mornings.

500 meeting lists were printed at a cost of 88.99 for March-April, 2023.

Our next list will be for May-June and I will need any new meetings or changes in writing by April 19th. This is for accuracy & accountability.

In loving Service,
Christine S

OUTREACH CHAIRPERSON REPORT – Kelly B.

PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRPERSON REPORT - OPEN

LITERATURE REVIEW CHAIRPERSON REPORT – OPEN

CONVENTION CHAIRPERSON REPORT – Steven J.

Saturday April 29th there will be another fundraiser for the one day convention

Spring Clean and Free Speaker Jam/ Dance

161 Mansion St. Poughkeepsie Tickets are \$5

CONVENTION TREASURER REPORT Keith R.

We met 2/7/23. I was given the following:

\$60.00 registration

\$30.00 merchandise

I wrote the following checks:

Check#210 Holiday Inn \$2000.00

Check#211 Reimbursement to Kelly for the cash she gave to Merchandise

The situation of giving cash won't happen again in the future because we now have another person added to the account.

The total cost for the Holiday Inn is \$6000. This payment leaves a due balance of \$2800

OPENING BALANCE \$3546.89

REVENUE \$90.00

SUB TOTAL \$3636.89

EXPENSES (\$2200.00)

TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE \$1436.89

ILS, Keith

COFFEE MAKER REPORT – Dominique

Creamer, Cookies \$13.25

All coffee and supplies are fully stocked

Thank you, Dominique

TREASURER'S REPORT – Laura C.

Feb-23				
		DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE
BEGINNING BALANCE				\$ 3,297.07
	less prudent reserve			\$ 2,000.00
				\$ 1,297.07
REVENUE				
BASKET			\$ 30.00	
LITERATURE SALES			\$ 354.55	
GROUP DONATIONS			\$ 196.00	
Alive & Free \$11	Monday Nite Miracles \$6			
God Shaped Hole \$8	Message is Hope \$27			
Hope of Courage \$5	Unity in the Comm. \$7			
Last Chance \$112				
Living Proof \$20				
TOTAL REVENUE				\$ 580.55
WORKING BALANCE				\$ 1,877.62
EXPENSES				
ABCD DONATION		\$ 20.25		
NAWS DONATION		\$ 20.25		
LITERATURE ORDER		\$ 700.45		
COFFEE SUPPLIES	PAID IN CASH	\$ 13.25		
MEETING LIST PRINT		\$ 88.99		
RENT MARCH-MAY		\$ 75.00		
TOTAL EXPENSES				\$ 918.19
				\$ 959.43
	ADDING PRUDENT RESERVE			\$ 2,000.00
				AREA BALANCE \$ 2,959.43

Free Business Checking-XXXXXX4563

Account Summary

Date	Description	Amount	Description	Amount
02/01/2023	Beginning Balance	\$3,555.76	Average Ledger Balance	\$0.00
	1 Credit(s) This Period	\$567.30		
	2 Debit(s) This Period	\$225.84		
02/28/2023	Ending Balance	\$3,897.22		

Account Activity

Post Date	Description	Debits	Credits	Balance
02/01/2023	Beginning Balance			\$3,555.76
02/21/2023	Eff. 02-17 Check 1848	\$192.99		\$3,362.77
02/22/2023	Eff. 02-21 Check 1849	\$32.85		\$3,329.92
02/25/2023	Deposit		\$567.30	\$3,897.22
02/28/2023	Ending Balance			\$3,897.22

Checks Cleared

Check Nbr	Date	Amount	Check Nbr	Date	Amount
1848	02/17/2023	\$192.99	1849	02/21/2023	\$32.85

* Indicates skipped check number

Overdraft and Returned Item Fees

	Total for this period	Total year-to-date
Total Overdraft Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Returned Item Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00

GSR REPORTS & OPEN SHARING FROM THE FLOOR

- Alive & Free- Small, 6 members, 2 newcomers
- Becoming Whole- new meeting. 6-7 attendees, looking into doing a hybrid meeting
- Clean & Serene- small but steady, needs support
- Come As You Are- Kelly celebrates 24 yrs Feb 28th. Group going well, a lot of newcomers. Good coffee and cookies
- God Shaped Hole- Rotating format as well as rotating chair, Speakers travel to share, looking for homegroup members. 3/25 Tara celebrates 4 yrs, 4/8 Denise celebrates 26 yrs
- Hope In Hudson- good attendance, doing well
- Hope Of Courage- new meeting, needs support. 7-10 people, rotating format
- Last Chance- doing well 8-12 members
- Lifeline- needs support, not too big, intimate group, possibly moving location, reads from the Living Clean book
- Living Proof- rotating steps/traditions 20-25 attendees. John B will celebrate 13yrs on 4/24
- Monday Night Miracles- strong meeting, newcomers, amazing comfortable chairs
- New Beginnings- great attendance
- Real Deal- **IN DANGER OF CLOSING NEEDS SUPPORT**
- The Message Is Hope- fantastic attendance, 10-15 homegroup members, loving, hugging chair person, celebrations are on any Saturday, doing great. Only NA meeting held at the RYAN House
- Unity in the Community- Mondays are Just for today Fridays are steps/ traditions 15-17 attendees doing well, need support, in a rough area
- Woman Seeking Recovery- 21-24 attendees, great meeting, rotating format, newcomers from facilities

MOTIONS VOTED ON:

NONE

NEW MOTIONS:

NONE

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS:

In need of

Vice Chair

Treasurer (May)

RCM2

Policy Chair

Public Relations Chair

E&A Chair

Literature Review Chair

Nominees must be present for both Nominations & Elections.

Note: RCM #1 & RCM #2, Meeting List, Mail Accountability, Helpline, Outreach, Coffee Maker, Convention Treasurer and Literature Review Chair may hold a GSR position.

OLD BUSINESS

- H&I took in feedback from groups as to the opinions of Men bringing female speakers into all men's facilities and Women bring male speakers into all women's facilities
Cons- it can be a distraction, it can be a trigger
Pros- many more options for speakers, gender inclusivity

- The question of what to do about PR and how we currently do not have a subcommittee
Per the motion from PR that the area voted yes on in December, we have asked groups to gather volunteers to take on a facility that they will continue to fill literature for until we have a subcommittee to take back over.
Per the prior PR committees's latest suggestion, the area decided that any facility that does not get a volunteer for, we will go in and collect our racks and literature so that they do not disappear, and instead will leave the QR code poster that will allow people to find a meeting in our area and all surrounding areas as well

NEW BUSINESS

Must keep door locked. Checking for churches to possibly move locations to, must have storage for literature.
Need new helpline volunteers

MOTION TO CLOSE

*Next Area Scheduled for **Thursday March 23rd @ 7PM @ Saint James Church, Pearl & Fair Streets, Kingston, NY. NOTE: WE MEET THE **FOURTH THURSDAY** OF EVERY MONTH (NOT THE LAST THURSDAY!).** THANK YOU!*

ADDENDUM: AREA SERVICE POSITIONS WITH REQUIREMENTS:

Trusted Servant Position	Commitment	Clean Time (suggested* unless otherwise noted)	Service Experience (suggested* unless otherwise noted)	Current	Election Status
Area Chairperson	1 year	5 years (req'd)	3 years (req'd)	Laura M.	2nd Year 2023
Area Vice Chairperson	1 year	3 years (req'd)	2 years (req'd)	*****	Open
Area Treasurer	1 year	5 years (req'd)	3 years (req'd)	Laura C.	2nd Year 2023
Secretary	1 year	1 year	6 months	Jess 2	2nd Year 2023
Regional Committee Member #1	2 years	2 years	1 year	Debbi R.	1 st Year 2023
Regional Committee Member #2	2 years	2 years	1 year	*****	Open
Policy Chair	1 year	4 years	2 years	*****	Open
Meeting List Chair	1 year	2 years	1 year	Christine S.*	1 st Year 2023
Mail Accountability	1 year	6 months	3 months	Denise M.	1 st Year 2023
Coffee Maker	1 year	3 months		Dominique*	1 st Year 2023
Hospitals & Institutions Chair	2 years	2 years	1 year	Peter K.	2 nd Year 2023
Public Relations Chair	2 years	2 years	1 year	*****	Open
Helpline Chair	1 year	2 years	1 year	Reine A.*	1 st Year 2023
Outreach Chair	1 year	2 years	1 year	Kelly B.	1 st Year 2023
Literature Supply Chair	1 year	2 years	1 year	Michele O.	2nd Year 2023
Literature Supply Vice Chair	2 years	1 year	6 months	Denise M.	2nd Year 2023
Events & Activities Chair	1 year	2 years	1 year	*****	Open
Literature Review Chair	1 year	1 year	6 months	*****	Open
Convention Committee Chair	2 years	5 years	2 years	Steven J.	2 nd Year 2023
Convention Treasurer	2 years	5 years	1 year	Keith R.*	1st Year 2023

** in Current column indicates Trusted Servant was elected within a couple of months of the start of 2023 Year of Service and 2023 will be their first complete Year of Service.*

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