

Quarterly Regional PR Meeting

7/12/09

Roll Call Trusted Servants: Attendance

Administrative:

Chair: Karen H. Present

1st V. Chair: Roadkill Present

2nd V. Chair -----

Secretary Jay B. Absent

Alt. Secretary Maureen B. Present

Web Team:

Chair: Chris D. Present

V. Chair Jeff S. Present

Areas:

Position

1. Capital Charles Present PR Chair
2. Catawba Valley **Jerry** Present PR Chair
3. Central Piedmont **Trent M.** Present PR Chair
4. Coastal Carolina Eric Present PR Chair
5. Foothills **Lerry R.** Absent PR Chair
6. GAP **Jenna B.** Present PR Chair
7. Greater Charlotte **Kit G.** Present PR Chair
8. Greater Pee Dee John D. Absent
9. Greater Sand Hills **Jeff S.** Present PR Chair

10. Keep It Simple Melanie R. Present Outreach Coord.

11. Lake Norman Kyle Present PR Chair

12. Mid Carolina Sharon R. Present PR Chair

13. New Hope Jake W. Absent PR Chair

14. N. Central Carol. Rich Present PR Chair

15. Piedmont Steve S. Absent PR Chair

16. Port City Roger B. Absent PR Chair

Wendell B. Absent PR V. Chair

17. S. Coastal **Sam M.** Absent PR Chair

John Present Vice Chair

18. S. Foothills -----

19. S. Piedmont **Ted T.** Absent PR Chair

20. Sun City **Loren S.** Present PR Chair

Jay B. Absent PR V. Chair

21. TwinCity Mark Present PR Chair

22. Upstate SC Maureen B. Present PR Chair

23. Western NC -----

QUORUM: 15 Areas are present at roll call.

Therefore, the quorum of a minimum of three was met.

MINUTES: Approved from last meeting.

REPORTS ATTACHED:

1. Area Reports
2. Chairperson Report
3. Web Team Report

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AREA REPORTS: (Concerns)

- **Capital Area –**
 - Making contact with the Hispanic Community to try and start a Spanish speaking meeting. A presentation was made on Sept 9th which was successful. Another presentation is scheduled to be on Sept. 30th w/ the Hispanic community, at Centrol Para Families, 2-4pm, with the topic being starting Spanish-speaking NA Meetings in the Capital Area.
 - Learning Day Oct 1st
 - Planning a poster drive in a couple of locations
 - Looking at new formats for their meeting schedule due to running out of room on their current format. Any suggestions would be appreciated.
- **Catawba Valley –**
 - Looking to start a meeting in the local county jails. Want some experience. Jail has been against it for a while.
 - Looking for help on how to get money for PSAs. Area believes it will not be approved and looking for suggestions.
- **Central Piedmont –**
 - Having trouble with a meeting finding a meeting facility.
 - Sept. 11-13 will be the CPANA Convention—will be having workshops, speakers and dances on both Friday and Saturday evenings. Expected attendance: 200.
 - “Embracing Reality” was previously cancelled, but will be restarting at a new location in Kannapolis. All meetings are up to date on the regional website.
- **Coastal Carolina Area –**
 - How do areas decide their ASC meeting facility? Need experience.
 - Have recently had elections in their area and Paul A., the former PR Chair, will be the Web Chair & plans to be in touch with the regional webteam soon.
 - Basic Texts have been taken to all High School Libraries in New Hanover County.
 - Have received an invitation to attend a non-NA event at the Hugh McRae Park on Sept 19th. The event is called “Celebrate Recovery” (this is not the same Celebrate Recovery Groups affiliated w/ Christian groups—it is just the name of the event)—This is an event that they usually attend each year.
- **GAP Area –**
 - They have 12 home groups in the area and only 3 support the PR subcommittee, looking for suggestions.
 - Have had several flyer days/poster drives over the summer in various parts of the area.
 - Have conducted “major updates” on world and regional websites.
 - Planning to change over their phonenumber in the near future.
- **Greater Charlotte Area –**

- What do you do when people make commitments to do events/tasks but do not follow through? Starting to schedule Helpline Orientations, but struggling to get help from others in her area for the tasks required to keep up the phonenumber and local website.
- Trying to re-write area PR guidelines.
- **Greater Sandhills** –
 - Poster drive launches 9/13/09; due to wide geographic area, individual home groups will be provided posters for their own poster drives.
 - Will be establishing a helpline chairperson to coordinate changing their phonenumber from Highwoods Answering Service to Ring Central. Would like contact information from people using Ring Central for their phone line.
- Keep it Simple – Correctional Facility would like to start an NA home group inside. They would need an individual to show up so they can hold the meeting.
- **Lake Norman** –
 - Mailing list has been sent out to facilities, businesses, public in general
 - Having quarterly poster days.
 - Printing meeting schedules quarterly.
 - Still trying to fill all positions w/in PR.
- **Mid Carolina (CCA/GCA)**
 - Developed some TV PSAs specifically for their area.
 - Passed out literature to schools/treatment, etc....
 - Changing schedule to a booklet format
 - Learning Day Scheduled for this month.
- **N. Central Carolina** –
 - Do other areas have their own web presence? Can region assist in this?
 - What do other areas do with listing meetings from other areas on their list. How do they decide whether they go on or not.
 - New Toll Free number for the area due to changing phonenumber service providers.
 - Meeting schedules are printed quarterly.
 - Planning a Halloween dinner and dance w/ an 80's themed costume event. Planning for this event will be finalized by next week.
- **South Coastal** –
 - Looking for support on how to help addicts in prison/jails with sponsorship.
 - Currently reviewing and revising Policy Guidelines.
 - Requesting feedback on inexpensive phonenumber services.
- **Sun City** –
 - New phonenumber: 1-866-515-8962—old one is still in service as well: 1-843-449-6262. Ring Central is the provider of service. This is a help line.
 - Due to having a small area and lack of support for PR and H&I, Looking for experience on combining H&I and PR.
 - Upcoming Events:
 - Area Learning Day Sept 26th @ Coastal Science Ctr/CCCL Rm #200

1pm-GSR Alt GSR Workshop

2pm- PR Workshop

3pm- H&I Workshop

4pm- Phonline Workshop

- **Twin City** – Has combined H&I and PR. They have had a successful quarterly learning day on July 25th, with speakers from all areas of service speaking on their service positions. They also had through games, H&I and phonline orientation, etc. with 60-70 people showing up. Next quarterly learning day will be in November '09.
- **Upper SC** –
 - PR Orientations have been given to local group members who are willing to give recurring presentations in the Clinton/Laurens area. These NA members will also be giving a presentation to the local Voc Rehab Center in the near future (not scheduled yet).
 - Rally for Recovery sponsored by FAVOR (Faces and Voices of Recovery of Greenville)—Booth sitting event taking place on 9/12/09 in the evening in downtown Greenville.
 - We have a “rotating” billboard that gets moved around the USCANA, GAP and N. Central Carolina areas randomly—we are planning on renewing our contract in January.
 - We are running a free weekly ad with our local Helpline Number in the Greenville News Health Section each week—indefinitely.
 - Posters distributed to GSR’s and they have been oriented to distribute these locally around their meeting places.
 - USCANA 30th annual convention will be at the Hyatt in downtown Greenville, SC January 15-17th 2010.

NOMINATIONS:

Open Positions are: 2nd Vice Chair

Maureen Nominated and elected as Alternate Secretary*

DISCUSSIONS:

- Concern expressed about the way meeting updates are accepted. Some of the Web contacts have been there for years and continue to provide updates.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business

NEW BUSINESS:

- A question was raised about having a hard copy of the help line numbers from Region distributed. – Tabled to planning session.
- Region is budgeted for four Regional service learning days in hosting areas. Want info to know who would host when. Decision made to have one on Feb. 20th in Statesville, NC and one on May 15th in Greenville (3596 Laurens Road).
- Discussion was had about web team and how meeting updates are handled. A concern was raised about allowing meeting updates to be made when not submitted by a PR chair or other trusted servant. Chris stated that he normally will not apply the updates when they come in without confirmation which was a solution to the issue.

Also working on capability for “live updates” for meeting updates on our website.

New Group: The Clarity Group to be added to our Regional Website; they will wait to decide on which area to join (Foothills or Western Carolina) over the next 6 months. This meeting meets on Wednesday evenings @ 6:30pm, at 109 Chapel Hill Church Loop, Marion, NC (See flyer).

Karen to contact Lery to discuss the Acceptance Group and see what needs may be there—and if an NA Message of Recovery is being carried at this meeting. Currently, McDowell and Rutherford counties are sending people from their drug courts to have their court papers signed, and there is a concern that it appears that a “mixed message” is being shared. (Possible violation of the 4th tradition?)

CONCERNS:

- How do you get money in your budget for PSA's? -- Recommendations: Ask--& look for low-cost or no cost options as well. (i.e., local papers)
- Lots of Home Groups—Little support—recommendations: offer food, ask former PR members or use PR members from nearby areas.
- What do you do when people do not follow through after they have committed to a service/project? Recommendations: Only commit to what you are capable of doing yourself. (Update meeting schedules & websites and make available at the very least)

- Is there assistance from the region available to the areas to help with area websites? Answer: Yes.
- Any recommendations on an Inexpensive Phoneline? Recommendations: Phonepeople.com usually runs \$30-40/month for the Lake Norman Area. Ring Central also seems to be very reasonable.
- Sponsors for Incarcerated addicts—need information on any projects that might provide sponsorship to inmates. Recommendations—this is more likely an H&I concern. Also recommended that this type of sponsorship be defined, because it may involve more than simply working steps with someone.

- Discussion thread opportunity Continuity—PR

to avoid repeating discussions

(bulletin board on website)

ISSUES: IDEAS/PROJECTS:

- Regional Info Line Infoline—a) Process for updating (Kit)

b) Local Number

c) cost and statistics (Karen)

- Guidelines—need to be updated Karen to give us a copy of the

Current guidelines along w/ some

Updates that she feels need to be

Made

- Karen to communicate w/ H&I and

Lit Review regarding Regional

Learning Days

- Communicate w/ Drug Courts:

Rich is willing to help if needed.

Need to talk to areas that are having

Successful experiences working w/ their drug courts so that we can try to help those areas that are struggling.

- Inter-Regional/Cooperation w/
North Carolina Need to get contacts.
- Scattered Communication re: May want to include as part of a
Phonelines Learning Day or may want to allow

This to be part of a discussion thread

That could be created on our website

To help prevent repetition of discussions

- **Next CRNA –**
- **(check www.crna.org for current info)**
- **Next Carolina RSC Meeting: TBA**

Close w/ reflection on whether we have carried out our purpose today

Serenity Prayer