

**MINUTES OF THE MIDWEST TENNESSE AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE (ASC)  
OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS - JUNE 24, 2012**

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Angie E. opened the meeting at 3:00 PM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Dustin H. ready The Twelve Concepts of Service. Angie E. read The definition and purpose of an ASC.

**Roll Call** – The ASC welcomed all visitors. Lexington’s Alternate GSR Tina M., Sowing The Seed’s GSR Joy Redding, and Milan’s GSR Paul B. were recognized. The Alternate RCM was absent. Dresden RAW GSR was absent, however a representative was present.. No representative was present for Camden, Savannah, or Parson. A quorum was established.

**Secretary’s Report** – Presented by Scott B. Report was accepted and the minutes of the meeting in May was approved.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Presented by Clinton S. The treasury balance is \$46.88 after paying past due phone line bill of \$180. Report was accepted.

**Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report** – Presented by Jake A. Brad H. was voted in as the Information Technology & Communication Coordinator to update and maintain region’s website. The RCM has made progress in getting the area listed on the region’s website. He turned in the new proposed area geographical map which was accepted and approved. It will be eventually posted on the region’s website. Getting the area listed on Region’s website is hindered by the area not having a website, not having a mailing address, and not being registered with NA World Services. Mike R. for VRC Treasurer, Craig G. for Regional Chair, Jim B. for Vice Chair, Joe S. for H&I Chair, and Christina W. for Secretary all passed. Current vacancies include Alt Treasurer, Alt Secretary, PR Chair, VRC Oversight, Exploration Adhoc Chair, and Outreach Chair. The area has not submitted any nominations. Motion to change Dec VRSC meeting date and location to be at VRC in November passed. Region wants to put on a Communications Workshop throughout the state. Details will be announced. They will also be conducting the workshop at VRC 30. There are still some items left for sale from VCR 29. Jake brought a sack of ink pens for \$1.00 each to support VRC 30. There was further discussion and questions regarding the umbrella liability insurance policy that region proposes to purchase. Region would be paying the premium but they are asking for financial support. To date, there have not been any donations from groups or the area to help pay for it. A Summary of Decisions from WSC 2012 is on page seven. Jake brought a “Profit Loss Detail” accounting sheet in case anyone was interested in reviewing it. The final treasurer balance was \$7,991.43 (not including the deposit’s from last cycle’s donation checks). The next VRSC Subcommittee meeting will be August 4<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM. The next VRSC meeting will be August 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM in Murfreesboro. VRC-30 Annual Volunteer Regional Convention will be held in Chattanooga on Nov 21-25<sup>th</sup>.

**Hospitals and Institutions (H&I) Report** – Presented by James M. The panel leaders for the men’s group at Jocoa is Melvin M. and James M. On June 7<sup>th</sup>, James M. Adam D., Dustin H., Sara, Shantatay, Beth, and Melissa carried meetings at the McNairy County Jail. On June 10<sup>th</sup>, James M. and Dustin H. chaired a meeting at Jocoa. On June 16<sup>th</sup>, James M. and Adam L. chaired a meeting at Aspell Recovery. On June 18<sup>th</sup>, Amanda D. chaired a meeting at Aspell

Recovery. On June 22<sup>nd</sup>, Sara and Shantae chaired a meeting for the women. Lexington had two females to volunteer to carry meeting to Joco. Pathways has requested H&I Meetings. *Note: In February, someone suggested carrying meetings to the Camden Jail. In March, someone suggested carrying meetings to Cumberland Heights. This has not been further addressed.* H&I has made substantial progress in the last 30 days. The newly elected H&I chair presents professionally before the ASC with creative ideas, enthusiasm, and seeks clarification and guidance. The Chair requested an H&I Alternate. NA Basic Text Books on hand, provided by Region, are specifically for H&I purposes. It was suggested that once the hard bound editions are depleted, the small white booklet, or the small softbound basic text, or Pamphlets such as “Behind The Wall” be used. The chair was provided a blank literature request form. Their budget is \$75.00. Policy and Procedure: H&I does not have to seek permission from area to approach other H&I facilities or to give presentations to gain additional opportunities to carry the message. These decisions are delegated to the H&I Sub-committee. Positions within H&I, such as H&I Alternate, H&I Secretary, H&I Treasurer, etc. are filled by the sub-committee.

**Outreach Chair:** Presented by Sub-Committee Chair Don H. The Chair is attempting to form a sub-committee. The Chair mentioned that it would be most ideal to have one person per home group to serve on the sub-committee, but that may not be feasible. The benefit of having one member from each home group to serve on the sub-committee was explained. The Chair went to Alamo this month and discovered they needed a new NA group packet. As it stands, Drug Court is facilitating its meetings. Outreach is interested in removing the meeting from the Drug Court’s administration and convert it into a regular NA meeting that would fall under our area’s jurisdiction. It appears that the group is ready to function as an independent NA group but they may need additional support, such as transportation to attend area meetings. He is planning to go once a week to help them out. They meet approximately three times a week. He may have to do some coordination with Drug Court to make progress. The Chair is also going to see if there are other groups within our new geographical boundary that has not been invited to participate or join our ASC. Outreach has an allocated budget of \$20 per month.

**Activities Sub-Committee** – Report presented by Dustin H. (Filling in for Sarah H.) The next area activity will be the “Annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Event” which will be at Angie E’s house in Alamo on July 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. Her address will be on the announcement sheet. Everyone has been asked to bring fireworks or make a donation. A “hat” will also be passed during the event and the money collected will go to the Area Treasurer. No report was turned in to the Secretary.

**Convention Sub-Committee** – Report presented by Jeremy P. The convention committee is moving forward. They made a \$900 deposit to the Doubletree Hotel in Jackson and they have secured a contract. A block of rooms have been set aside. To make a reservation at the discounted price, call the hotel a month in advance at 731-664-6900 and mention the NA convention. Registration forms are being developed. Discounts will be given for early registration. The committee recently had another supportive event raising the current balance to approximately \$500. They are tentatively planning an 80’s Dance the first weekend in August. Details will follow. Attendance at the Convention Sub-Committee meetings is low. Everyone is encouraged to attend. There is plenty to do – something for everyone. Please announce this in home groups. To get groups involved, especially those who are located further out, the committee is willing to rotate their meeting locations and assist groups and members in obtaining transportation to the meetings. If a group wishes to host a Convention Sub-Committee meeting,

a representative from that home group needs to attend a committee meeting to make that proposal. If anyone needs a ride to a convention meeting, speak up, there are members who are willing to furnish groups and members a ride. The key point is that the committee needs more participation. In addition, the meetings can be put onto SKYPE. This would allow any groups or members with a computer and a SKYPE account to be able to listen in and participate from a remote location. The next sub-committee meeting will be July 1st at 7:15 PM at Sowing The Seed. Groups can call Jeremy P. to request that he or a committee member to come out to their group to explain the upcoming convention, how to become an active participant, answer questions, etc. The Area Chair suggested that Jeremy P. (Convention Chair) and Don H. (Outreach Chair) coordinate and plan to attend various groups to put out area related information.

**Jackson Clean Air:** Report by GSR Adam L. Attendance is up. Donations are up. Home group unity is improving. The group is still unable to purchase literature. Kim S. will be celebrating 1 year on July 5<sup>th</sup> and Hannah will be the speaker at 6 PM. Valerie C. will be celebrating 12 years on July 14<sup>th</sup> with a surprise speaker at 6 PM. Angie E. will be celebrating six years on July 21<sup>st</sup> with a surprise speaker at 6 PM. No donation to area.

**Jackson Never Alone:** Report by GSR Melvin M. Mike S. will be celebrating on June 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM On July 21<sup>st</sup>, the group will be celebrating their 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Conger Park, North of Downtown Jackson, 1453 N. Highland Ave, with a picnic at 12 noon the speaker will be Brent C.. Mike M. will be celebrating 8 years and Tina D. will be celebrating 1 year on July 27<sup>th</sup> and the speaker will be Alonzo at 7 PM. Attendance is good. Nine newcomers. They paid their rent of \$175 and they donated \$40 to area resulting in a balance at \$3.75.

**Jackson Sowing The Seed:** Report by Alt GSR Joy R. On July 15<sup>th</sup>, Kim S. will be celebrating 1 year at 6 PM and the speaker will be Marcus M. from Memphis. Meeting attendance is good with an average of 20 to 40 per meeting. They have a \$20.00 donation to area.

**Camden Miracles Happen:** No Report. No representative. No advance report was submitted to the Secretary. The group is having a picnic on June 30<sup>th</sup> at the Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park, Shelter One. The park is located 8 miles from Camden. The physical address is 1825 Pilot Knob Rd, Eva, TN 38333. It starts at 12:00, Eat 2:00 with a speaker at 3:00. It's possible that Nick C. and Tina I. will be celebrating one year at the picnic. No donation to area.

**Milan Clean & Serene:** Report by GSR Paul B. Alternate GSR is Tracy. Attendance is about 10 to 15 per meeting. The group is discussing the possibility of having a fund raising event with all proceeds going towards the upcoming convention. They have changed their meeting times to Monday 7PM, Wednesday 8 PM, and Friday 7 PM. The group could use some additional support. The group donated a NA Basic Text book to the area. The GSR was instructed to set a date for a Traditions Workshop which will be conducted by several members of Jackson Never Alone. The have a donation to area.

**Newbern Never Alone:** Report by Mike S. There has been some progress. No birthdays this month. No report was turned into the Secretary.

**Dresden RAW (Ready and Willing):** Report by Scott B. (filling in for GSR). Average attendance was 6 and the highest was 12. The group could use support from addicts with clean time. There is a critical shortage of people who can sponsor. The group asked area members to attend their meetings. Several members from Milan attended a meeting in Dresden this past month. They have a donation to Area.

**Lexington Survivor's Group:** Report by Alt GSR Tina M. Average attendance is 15. They had 4 newcomers. Lori W. will be celebrating 2 years on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Donna W. will be celebrating 1 year on July 14 with a potluck at 6:00 and the speaker will be Michelle at 7:00. The group is having a self-supportive Annual Group Anniversary on July 21<sup>st</sup> at Cub Lake Natchez Trace State Park. Eat at 12:00 and Tim L. will be speaking at 2:00. Flyers were passed out. The group has two volunteers willing to chair meetings at Joco. There is good participation from group members. They do not have a donation to area this month due to special events.

**Paris Free Spirit:** Report by GSR Clinton S. There were 150 in attendance this month. The average was 15 per meeting. Jim B. will be celebrating 3 years on July 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. The group is having a yard sale on July 13-14<sup>th</sup> to raise money for "NA On The Lake". Donations of saleable items are being collected. "NA On The Lake" will be at Land Between The Lakes State Park's main pavilion, on Aug 18<sup>th</sup> with two speakers and a DJ with karaoke. There will be a flyer. They have a \$40 donation to area.

**Union City Free Spirit:** Report by GSR Jerry C. The GSR donated a working copy machine to the area. The ASC honored the donation and will put it to good use. Attendance and donations are very low so they are changing their schedule. Starting July 1<sup>st</sup>, they will be meeting Tuesday at Noon and 6:30, Thursday Noon and 6:30, and Saturday Noon and 6:00. They will not be meeting on Monday or Wednesday. They are unable to pay this month's rent. The GSR presented a motion asking for a \$50 donation. Members were sympathetic and the motion was entertained. The ASC is low on funds and not able to pay this month's bills. In consideration, a hat was passed and \$26.75 was collected to help the group. On July 20<sup>th</sup>, there is going to be a bonfire at one of their member's house with a potluck at 6:00. Details and a flyer will be distributed. They do not have a monetary donation to area this month.

**Parsons We Do Recover:** No representative present. No voting privileges.

**Savannah 123 Group:** No representative present. No voting privileges.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Area Website: Joe B. will be working on the website during the month of July. Jeremy P. has agreed to assist as needed. The ASC passed a motion in June to create a sub-committee that will be responsible for maintaining the website once it is up and running.

Area Mailing Address: Melvin M. said he would take the post office box key to Tucker Street and see if it opens it and see if we owe anything. It does not appear that we are paying for a post office box. The area will need a mailing address in order to be register with NA World Services.

Area Phone Line: Angie E. said she checked on the phone line and discovered that we have not paid phone bill due in February. The phone line has remained active during the delinquent period. The past bills had been going to the previous treasurer's home address. A motion was passed for the treasurer to pay the \$180 past due bill.

Group Registrations with NA World Services: Newbern is now registered. Milan and Sowing The Seed turned in their registration forms to the Secretary.

Traditions Workshop in Milan: The GSR was instructed to set a date. Members from Jackson Never Alone will be conducting the workshop.

Donation of NA Basic Text Books: Groups have been asked to donate a Basic Text book to the area in exchange for the area meeting room provided by the hospital. Milan donated a book.

Meeting Schedules: Joe B. created an updated meeting schedule. Melvin M. ran off the copies at area expense. They were distributed. The new format was approved. The new schedules does not fold it into three parts. Rather, cut it down to standard 8 ½ x 11 sheets, then fold it in half. Everything aligns properly. Joe B. will continue to update the meeting schedule. Change Dresden "RAW" to RAW (Ready and Willing). Newbern's Group title is "Never Alone". Change Milan's meetings on Mon to 7 PM, Wed to 8 PM, and Fri to 7 PM. Delete both meetings in Union City on Monday and Wednesday. Sowing The Seed decided to keep "Bemis" on the schedule rather than changing it to "Jackson". Jackson Clean AIR had some meeting format changes to submit on some of their meetings.

GSR and Alternate GSR Orientation: A motion was passed to adopt Chattanooga Area's GSR Orientation Booklet. Angie E. and Paul B. will be facilitating the first orientation at 2:00, prior to the next area meeting, on July 29<sup>th</sup>. All current GSRs and Alternate GSR's are asked to attend. Everyone is invited.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The Outreach Chair mentioned that the Area usually puts on one or two workshops each year and he asked if the Area would be facilitating a workshop this year. He also mentioned that the Area only had two fund raising events last year and it may be beneficial to plan additional events. The Area Chair instructed the Outreach Chair to coordinate with the Activities Chair to see if additional fund raising events could be planned to raise funds for the Area.

## **POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

Area Guidelines: Lisa W. has typed the guidelines into a Microsoft-Word document which can now be edited. We are missing Page 4. If anyone has a copy of this page, please email, scan, mail, or fax it to the Secretary prior to the next area meeting.

Holding Multiple Positions: The Area Guidelines does not restrict GSRs' from simultaneously holding other positions within the Area. There was discussion in May and June as to how this could lead to a conflict of interest. It was clarified in May that the Area Guidelines only grants

voting privileges to GSRs. Discussion concluded that while this may not eliminate the potential of a conflict of interest, it does serve to reduce the possibility.

Replacement if Absent Two Consecutive Meetings: The Area Guidelines does not require the replacement of an ASC member if he or she misses two consecutive meetings. This does not mean that it can not happen – it simply means the Guidelines does not require it.

Motion Procedure of the ASC: The Secretary will present a Motion Blank Form next month. The ASC will need to vote on whether to approve it in order to comply with the Area Guidelines which states “*All motions made to the ASC must be in the form of a written motion on the approved Motion Form provided.*” (Article II, Section D)

**NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS:**

Treasurer – Clinton S. will continue to serve as the Area Treasurer.

Alternate Treasurer – A motion was passed to retain Melvin M. as the Alternate Treasurer.

Public Relations: Vacant. No nominations were submitted.

A motion was made to close the meeting. Motion seconded.  
Meeting adjourned with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Prepared By:  
Scott B., Area Secretary  
June 25, 2012

Reviewed By:  
Lisa W., Alternate Secretary  
June 26, 2012

Reviewed By:  
Angie E., Area Chair  
June 27, 2012

A copy has been filed in the ASC’s archive folder entitled “Area Minutes and Supporting Documents – June 2012”.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes || \_\_\_\_\_ No (Approval is obtained by vote at the next area meeting)  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## SUMMARY OF DECISIONS FROM WSC 2012

The summary of decisions from WSC 2012, consisting of 26 Pages, can be found at

[http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/conference/ConfReport/2012May\\_WSC2012\\_summary\\_of\\_decisions.pdf](http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/conference/ConfReport/2012May_WSC2012_summary_of_decisions.pdf).

Jake A. brought a copy of the report to the meeting and made it available for anyone interested in reading it. Jake read the following bullet point list of decisions:

- Living Clean passed unanimously.
- The 3 FIPT motions passed.
- The World convention motion passed.
- All of the Service System resolutions passed.
- All of the Service System straw polls a majority yes.
- All of the project plans and budget that were included in the CAT passed.
- Of the regional proposals, the one that passed was the one to include on the front of the service pamphlets that they are service pamphlets and not to be read in NA meetings.
- There was a proposal made that had strong support that will allow the RD to remain on the floor if the AD wanted to speak.
- On the discussion of seating, the questions were asked “Do you support the WB recommendation to not consider any region for seating at WSC 2014? Y (41) N (55) AND “Support in considering regions not resulting from a split?” Y (73) N (20)
- Strong support for early release of the CPR (Candidate Profile Report)
- Strong support of a NAWS Facebook page.
- Strong Support for a 5-10 minute video opportunity for all zones? (If submitted by a given date, would be played during breaks and sessions at the WSC.)
- Support in making the Conference Participant bulletin board mobile friendly.
- A motion was made to seat Siberia and it failed 55/60/6. (Note: the 15 WB members voted no on this. During the initial straw poll, there was strong support.)
- This is the first time in the history of the Board that we have a full board. All positions are filled.