

September 11, 2011

North side Area

## **RCM 2 Report**

Good Afternoon.

I was able to attend the RSC on August 13 in Texas City. The regional recorder has managed to complete the recordings and they are also posted on the regional website.

Some of the highlights are as follows:

### **RD Report**

Dawn reported that she has a Service System Proposal workshop scheduled for Texas Tri-County Area on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

Dawn also discussed inaccurate meeting information listed on both our regional web site and at NAWS. She stressed the importance of updating this information since Home groups and meeting schedules are one of the primary ways of reaching the still suffering addict. She suggested that areas and home groups need to be reminded of the importance of updating this information, as well as making updates on meetings that have officially closed and making certain that new groups register their meeting information. Dawn suggested that we add the duty of updating any changes both on the regional web site and NAWS at least quarterly.

Dawn particularly expressed concern for Brazos Valley Area and is trying to attend one of their ASC's. For now, she has been working with Bob T. on getting the latest meeting schedule information and updating our regional website, as well as, information available at na.org.

Due to the CAR not being released until late November or early December, Dawn suggested that it may be advantageous to postpone the Scheduled November learning day until after the release of the CAR. Dawn also requested that area recordings be forwarded to her and stated that she and the RDA will make an effort to visit each Area's ASC at least twice a year. She stated that funds are already allocated to do this but may need to be increased due to gas prices.

### **TBRCNA 12**

Melvin H., Co-Facilitator, reported that the theme for the convention is One Promise, Many Gifts. The date for the convention is February 3-5, 2012 and will be at the MCM Elegante Hotel in Beaumont. Registration can be completed on line at our regional website (I printed out the flyer-form and have copies available).

## **Open Discussion**

In open discussion, the possibility of having an annual regional Assembly was discussed to disseminate the Conference Agenda Report (CAR). A suggestion was made to hold a workshop at the convention but someone thought that due to the time commitment necessary to go over the CAR, it may not work for this to be included at the convention. One member stated that an assembly allows Home groups to directly connect with the RSC.

The task of updating meeting information with NAWS was also discussed. One suggestion was that an ad-hoc committee be formed because of the initial volume of the work, and then the task could be handed off to one person. One member suggested that perhaps the co-facilitator could do this and another stated that really the responsibility should be assigned to the PI Regional facilitator.

Also in open discussion, the idea of the CAC utilizing [www.gotomeeting.com](http://www.gotomeeting.com) was also discussed. The intent is to save money by not having to travel since we now have two areas hosting conventions. The cost is \$50.00 per month or \$39.00 per month with a one year contract. PI facilitator that they could also benefit from this service as perhaps more Area PI chairs would participate.

## **Sub-Committee Reports**

Diana M., PI Facilitator, stated that as a sub-committee, they are going over the PR handbook and expressed hopes that areas that are not being represented and trained in public information techniques will encourage their areas to send a representative. Diana M. can be contacted at [publicinf@tbrna.org](mailto:publicinf@tbrna.org) or 409-377-2004.

Lynn S. stated that Literature review is very busy and that two projects are still available for review. The book, "Living Clean: The Journey Continues" is available on-line and in a hard copy and is out for review until November 2011 when it will be added as an addendum to the Conference Agenda Report (CAR). The Service Pamphlet on Social Media which addresses the rise of social media and social networking and how this affects us and our anonymity is also out for review until October 31, 2011. Lynn stressed the importance of having a voice in our literature creation and encourages us to let our voices be heard. She also stated that she is always available to groups, areas and sub-committees to present information, answer questions, or anything else we might need. Lynn S. can be contacted at [quietlymknnoise@yahoo.com](mailto:quietlymknnoise@yahoo.com).

## **Old Business**

The CAR proposal dealing with Board Approved Literature, as presented at the May RSC and as it currently stands was read and discussed. After much discussion, a proposal was presented and consensus was reached. The proposal: For Board approved Literature to be clearly marked on front "Service Related Material" and not intended to be read during recovery meetings.

## **Elections**

For the RDA election, 13 RCM's were present and 33 GSR's attended for a total of 46 votes counted. Gary M. of Hascona was elected as our new RDA.

Dickie B. was nominated and elected to hold one of the two positions available on the Convention Advisory Committee.

Bobby D. was nominated and elected to be the TBRNA 13 Co-Facilitator.

For TBR facilitator, Allen E. (current TBR Co-Facilitator) accepted the automatic nomination.

For TBR Treasurer, Leanne K. (current Treasurer) accepted nomination.

For TBR Recorder, John C. (current recorder) accepted nomination.

## **New Business**

Proposal was made that H & I and PI Quarterly Funding be cut in ½; H & I \$400.00 and PI \$300.00 per quarter. The proposal was made by Leanne K., treasurer, after speaking to both Chairs, with the intent to cut the available funding ceilings of these two committees and make them available for alternative funding needs since these funds have been under utilized the last 5 quarters. Consensus was reached on this proposal.

Proposal was made by Gary M. to change policy concerning "Distribution of Funds" Section 11.3 e to NAWS, 20% of Funds remaining at the end of each RSC, after expenses are paid, except when that 20% would dip into the current prudent reserve. (in this case NAWS would be a donation of everything up to the current prudent reserve". The intent was to avoid confusion surrounding fund distribution and purpose of the prudent reserve. No consensus was reached and the proposal was referred to the Policy ad-hoc committee.

The next RSC will be hosted by Northside Area, at Texas Agri-life Extension Service, 9020 FM 1484, Airport Road, Conroe, TX 77303 on Saturday November 12, 2011. The second day of the RSC, "learning day", is rescheduled for Dec.-Jan. by consensus to facilitate the CAR coming out after the above scheduled RSC.

In Loving Service,

Don K.