

South Suburban Fireside Area Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2012

Meeting opened at 7:00pm with Serenity Prayer by Area Vice-Chair Erica, with 10 addicts in attendance. Motion by Brian, seconded by Donnie to approve the minutes from January meeting, passed. Brian read the 12 Concepts of NA service. Collected 7th tradition of \$9, which was given to the church as rent.

Hospitals and Institutions Subcommittee

Todd read the H&I Dos and Don'ts.

Literature Report (Todd reported): We have plenty of literature and H&I meeting lists.

Panel leader reports:

Dakota Co. Jail (Todd reported): It is going pretty good. There was an inmate that expressed his feelings that we should stick to the first three steps instead of random steps. Discussion that it is a good idea, we would have to change the format if we choose to make the change. Maybe we should talk with the staff to see what they want us to bring in there. It was suggested that we take group conscience if we should change. This is the first time we've been asked to change our format in the last two years we've been there, things have been working fine so far. It was suggested that we follow the H&I handbook guidelines because that is what we are there for - sharing our program of recovery. There was a question as to what we do when we are there and it was explained that it is a text study meeting.

Detox (Donnie reported): 4 recovering addicts attended and 7 seven clients at the meeting. It went well.

Haven in Woodbury, adult group (Garrett reported): No date for next meeting.

Haven in Woodbury, adolescent group (Garrett reported): There will be a meeting there next Wednesday at 7 and Sage is working on getting recovering addicts to attend the meeting.

Haven in Shakopee, morning (Brian reported): Finally found a person to go with him on Sunday night. It's hard to find people to go on Monday mornings.

Haven in Shakopee, evening (Brian reported): They are still going and it's going well.

Journey Treatment Center (Todd reported): Went last Monday the 23rd, there was two new recovering addicts there with 10-15 clients. There are enough people willing to go so there is no problem presenting a clear NA message.

Cochran Recovery Center (Beth reported): There were six addicts in attendance with a full house of clients. They are only housing men so with Beth being the panel leader it might be an issue. Brian stated that Lisa or himself will contact them to find out the possible changes. Matt suggested that maybe she could switch with someone else who has commitment at that center.

Other H&I business:

- Brian: It was brought to someone's attention that Dakota County Recovery Center was looking for NA to bring a meeting to them. He called for two weeks to make contact with no success and now he has misplaced the number. Matt talked about what they have going on at the recovery center and what they are looking for. At this point they are having a one hour meeting on Tuesday evenings with no structure. They are hoping to get NA in there to help lead a meeting or at least get it on track. Matt K. & Matt went there last Tuesday evening to check it out. We might not have the resources to take on another H&I commitment so maybe we could donate meeting supplies. Brian stated that they can't just do a meeting without being part of our area and attending our area meetings. Melissa suggested we ask for someone to take on the commitment. Todd suggested we need to either do a presentation or a meeting, which will need a chair, secretary, GSR and those people will need to commit to six months. Garrett added that we need to keep the NA meeting separate from the treatment center because otherwise we'd be supporting the treatment center. Brent suggested that we could start a meeting there as long as they are willing to rent us a room and the treatment patients could come join our meeting. Anybody can start a meeting and it doesn't have to belong to an area. Brent suggested Matt bring them a group IP so they can get a better idea of what is needed to start a meeting. Maybe we

could do a once a time or every three month panel rather than every month or week. Brian will no longer try to contact them since Matt has the inside scoop.

Outreach Subcommittee

Very disgusted with the participation with the meeting of the month. There are always the same people who go - we need more volunteers. Should we discontinue it because of the lack of support. There was a comment made that we "don't need to go to Addicts in Recovery because we are not struggling" but that doesn't follow along with the idea that we need go to other meetings. Brent suggested we take it back to the groups to see if they still need meeting of the month or should we have Outreach do something different. Garrett suggested that this is the year to do an area inventory to see if the groups think the area is providing for them. Matt suggested that we send out a reminder the day of or before reminding them of the meeting of the month. Brent suggested that we ask people if they want their email address used for reminders. Garrett suggested that we send around a "general" email list. Erica suggested we talk with Lisa about maybe sending out a reminder text message to those who want it. Brian suggested that Outreach chair does it, Melissa suggested that Todd should call everyone the night before to remind them. :) We should bring this idea back to the groups to see what their response is.

Meeting of Month – For February, Addicts in Recovery on Feb. 21st. March meeting will be NA 101 on March 17th.

Activities Subcommittee

Rick: Not present. The pancake breakfast was a good turn out and the speakers were awesome. People were excited about having a free event.

Public Relations Subcommittee

Brian reported that the PR stepped down from his position. He will no longer be moving from state. Would we be willing to take him back if he is interested. Melissa was curious to know if he has plans to stay in the state. We are a program about experience, strength and hope so we should be willing to let him come back. But this would be an area thing.

Other Business

Brian wanted to know if anyone at the subcommittee level would be willing to put on a game night. Melissa is willing to put on a game night at her house in Hastings on Saturday March 10th anytime after 6pm.

We will table the discussion of the 11th concept for next meeting.

Meeting closed at 7:55pm.

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Opening

Introductions

Approval of minutes

Reading of 12 Concepts of NA Service

7th Tradition

Hospitals and Institutions Subcommittee

H&I Introduction/Dos and Don'ts

Literature Report

Panel Leader Reports

Dakota Co. Jail
Dakota Co. Detox
Haven (Woodbury) – adult and adolescent
Haven (Shakopee) – morning and evening
Journey Treatment Center
Cochran Recovery Center

Other H&I items

Outreach Subcommittee

Activities Subcommittee

Public Relations Subcommittee

Other old/new business

Adjournment

Discussion of 11th Concept of NA Service