

HASCONA
Houston Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous
 Meeting Minutes for March 28th, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM with the Serenity Prayer, followed by the Service Prayer led by Kristina S., and readings of the 12 Traditions read by Dawn H., and the 12 Concepts read by Hurshell C.

ROLL CALL

GROUP	3.28.21		
	Present	Absent	right to vote this session?
Facilitator	P		
Co-Facilitator	P		
Recorder	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Treasurer	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Co-Treasurer	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
RCM 1	P		
RCM 2	P		
H&I	P		
PR	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Activities	P		
Outreach	P		
Policy		A	
HACNA	P		
1960 Group	P		
Alive & Kicking	P		
Chance for Freedom	P		X
Copperfield	P		X
Early Birds		A	
Familia Unida		A	
Hope Sweet Hope	P		X
Hugs not Drugs	P		X
Jekyll & Hyde	P		X
Juntos Podemos	P		X
Keep it Real	P		X
New Pathfinders	P		X
Our Common Bond	P		X
Phoenix Group	P		X

Rainbow of Hope	P		X
Sunday Starters		A	
The Sooner the Better (TSTB)	P		X
Ties that Bind		A	
Tomball New Attitudes	P		

Recognitions:

New Groups: none

New GSRs: Charlene S. from Alive & Kicking

KEY ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

I. Recorder’s Report – Minutes from February 2021 were reviewed and accepted.

II. Facilitator’s Report – written report provided to read as follows:

- Reminder: GSR’s and Subcommittee Chairperson’s: Please send your schedule changes (time changes, in person, on zoom platform, location, etc.) to schedulechanges@hascona.com. A big thanks to Colin, all subcommittee meetings were corrected on the schedule during the month of March.
- Subcommittee meetings are as follows:
 - 1st Sunday of the month at 6:00pm: Policy
 - 2nd Sunday of the month at 1:00pm: HACNA
 - 3rd Sunday of the month:
 - Public Relations 1:30pm
 - Hospitals & Institutions 2:30pm
 - Outreach 3:30pm
 - 3rd Wednesday of the Month at 7:30pm: Activities
- Current ASC bank account is an Unincorporated Account, Treasurer and RCM at Bank of America
- Contacted Ally G. on Monday 3/22/21 to set up a zoom meeting to help orientate her. We will be meeting 3/24/21 at 5pm on zoom with Henry H to go over what Outreach does and prior ways it was performed in the area. We helped Ally get Outreach on the schedule with the other subcommittees properly this month.
- I was able to attend the Activities meeting, Outreach, PR & HACNA this month.

Agenda was reviewed and approved.

- III. Treasurer's Report** – bank statement was provided (*see attachment*), however it appears that the report provided was a duplicate of last month's report, and it was tabled until after an audit is performed by the incoming Treasurer.

GROUP REPORTS

- **1960 Group** – attendance has been low at the in-person meeting at the church on Saturday nights at 8:00 PM. Zoom meeting has been discontinued. Meeting support would be appreciated.
- **Alive & Kicking** – They are opening up at 25% for in-person meetings. Zoom meetings are also still occurring. They will be having a Crawfish Boil on 4/3/2021 @ 1:00 PM with \$12 plates.
- **Chance for Freedom** - Opened up in-person meetings on Mon, Thurs, and Friday at 8:00 PM in the Gym. They need a new copy of the liability insurance for the facility from the Area, and their copy is expired as of 2019.
- **Copperfield** – meets Mondays and Fridays on zoom. Low attendance.
- **Hope Sweet Hope** – Average attendance is 7-15 in-person and on zoom. Needs some meeting support.
- **Hugs not Drugs** – They have opened up all their meetings in-person. Attendance has been low, but they believe it will pick up.
- **Jekyll & Hyde** – meets Sundays at 6:00 PM (HYBRID meeting). They are open to the public as of last week. Average attendance is 40-45 in-person, and 28-35 on zoom.
- **Keep it Real** – Meets daily at 10:00 PM in-person. Attendance is low, averaging 3-10 per meeting.
- **New Pathfinders** – Meets Mondays at 8:00 PM in-person. Average attendance is between 3-7 members per meeting, but that's normal for them. They are seeking meeting chairs to be rotated monthly.
- **Our Common Bond** – Meets Tuesdays and Thursday in-person, and Thursdays and Sundays via Zoom.
Average attendance is 8-15 members per meeting. All positions are filled. Events: 4/18/2021 from 10-4 pm Volleyball/Potluck. 6/19/2021 @ Elk's Lodge Anniversary Event. 5/29/2021 @ 5:30 PM Speak & Eat. They are also planning the River Run, to be held in September.
- **Phoenix Group** – Meets on Zoom Tuesdays and Thursdays. Attendance has been high. Meets in-person on Tuesdays, with 2-8 attending. Masks are required, and temperatures are taken.
- **Rainbow of Hope** – meets Tuesdays at the church and on Zoom at 7:00 PM. Masks required. Low attendance for the in-person meeting, but good attendance on Zoom.
- **TSTB** – Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays in the parking lot (bring a chair and a mask), and Sundays, Mondays, and Wednesdays in Zoom. They will be having a Rollerskating event on 4/3/2021 @ 7:00 PM at the Houston Just Rollerskating venue. \$13 per person – bring extra socks.
- **Tomball New Attitudes** – Meets Tuesdays and Fridays at 7:00 PM at the Spring Creek Park (15012 Brown Rd, Tomball, TX). Average attendance is 12-16 per meeting, and they are currently “homeless,” as they decided not to go back to their old location due to the small space and growing group.

OLD BUSINESS

- **The MSC (Metropolitan Service Committee) Proposal was tabled.** *(Discussion for 15 minutes)*
For further reference on Metropolitan Service Committees, see [A Guide To Local Services](#), pgs. 70-78.

Hurshell C. suggested adding NASCONA to the number of Areas in the MSC.

Point of Information: The MSC is there to support the Areas, not replace them, and will need to be presented to all existing Areas involved after we agree to proceed. An Ad Hoc Subcommittee was suggested for further discussion, as we need more than 15 minutes to explore this idea. It was also pointed out that, historically, only one or two members will show up to any Ad Hoc meeting. An Amendment as suggested to reach out to the admins of other existing Areas FIRST, before we agree to proceed with a vote. Q - What need or void is this helping to fulfill? A – no need or void has been identified, other than the phone line which services all four Areas, but there has been significant interest expressed by nearly all members contacted by the proposal presenter. It was pointed out that HASCONA used to have better communication and coordination with other Areas in regards to events scheduling, etc, and it is the opinion of an addict that we have stopped communicating and coordinating with other addicts.

- **ELECTIONS**

Sarah N. was elected the new Treasurer by unanimous consent of this body.

Julian H. was not present to be voted on for Co-Treasurer.

NEW BUSINESS

PROPOSAL – *(Submitted by TSTB)* to create and convene during an Ad Hoc subcommittee for further MSC discussion. Purpose: to educate GSRs on MSC, and to further explore the idea's implementation and implications in further detail.

(Point of information: there were eight GSRs in attendance who committed to attend such an Ad Hoc.)

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

H&I - provided a written report that reads as follows:

Hello all,

Traditions - Kevin R

Concepts - Ronnie H

Service prayer - Michelle W

Role call

Facilitator - Sam D

Co Facilitator- open

Recorder - Open

Literature - Kevin J

Cheyenne Center - Open

Cenikor - Sam G

Women's home - Open

Facilitators report

After almost 2 months we still have panel leader positions to fill at Cheyenne center and after speaking to Ms Miles they are not taking in meetings to the TDCJ side yet but will keep us updated. Still looking for people to fill Open positions.

Literature report

We are set for 4 months and short on 4 IPs but stoked on everything else. Will follow up with attached report.

Cheyenne center - Still need 2nd and 3rd panel leaders positions filled Literature is in need of restocking. Average attendance of 30-50 people. Meets Friday 6pm

Cenikor - meets Tuesday Saturday and Sunday 7pm average attendance 10-15. All panels covered

Women's home- no report

Old business - no contact with odyssey hose yet and Cheyenne center tdcj side not letting in meetings yet. Still need

New business - taking in Literature racks to facilities we are not servicing with meetings.

After discussing it is more the responsibility of PR however Santa Maria is a facility we will try to contact to see how we can service their needs.

A member brought up announcing at meetings that h&I meetings are filling positions again and to bring the word back into meeting announcements and Area Gsr

Meeting close.

The committee wants to bring in literature to facilities where they are not holding meetings, and will coordinate with PR to do so. Open positions are Co-Facilitator and Recorder. Subcommittee attendance

averages 5-10 members per meeting, with 4 holding positions. The H&I subcommittee continues to meet on the third Sunday of every month @ 2:30 PM at Zoom ID 713 594 6997.

OUTREACH – provided a written report, which reads as follows:

Outreach report

This is Ally I am excited to be part of this committee. In the month of April I will be attending two meetings a week. I will also be looking for a trusting people to make part of sub committee. I will be having a committee meeting on the third Sunday at 3:30 over the area zoom meeting.

Thank you

This subcommittee meets on the third Sunday of the month @ 3:30 PM at Zoom ID: 840 9490 3914.

HACNA – provided a written report, which reads as follows:

We met on 3/14/21, we had 12 people in attendance. Voted in a Treasurer Rochelle and co-treasurer Julie.

Currently we are brainstorming and coming up with our 1st fundraising event for possibly May or June. More details and flyer to come.

Positions open are:

Merchandise 5 years clean time.

Web servant 3 years clean time

Arts and Graphics 3 years clean time

Policy 2 years clean time

Subcommittee Meetings coming up:

HH& T March 28th 7 to 8pm, ZOOM ID 240 562 1683 PW: HACNA

Programming: April 18th 8:30pm to 9pm Zoom ID: 442 121 1298PW: group, positions open Co-Chair and Recorder

Serenity Keepers: April 3rd 1pm to 2pm, Zoom ID: 432-716-2295 PW: 9vrcii

Our next meeting will be on April 11th 1pm Zoom id: 333 723 4519, np. Come help us plan an amazing convention!

PUBLIC RELATIONS – Crystal E. provided a written report, which reads as follows:

- Colin P. sent me the PR information pertaining to logins for websites, phones, emails
- Henry H and I met on 3/12/21 for the PR subcommittee (2 members attended)
 - talked about asking Colin P to place the Donate Button on homepage of the HASCONA website
 - moving PR subcommittee to meet 2nd Sunday at 1:30PM on Zoom, also offering Ally G for Outreach to meeting 2nd Sunday on the HASCONA link before PR at 12:30PM or after H&I at 3:30PM.
 - sent Colin the schedule change for PR subcommittee to update schedule to schedulechanges@hascona.com
 - discussed setting up another meeting to have Colin join and give us a rundown of what he is currently running and what he needs to offload to have help with
 - discussed the topics of what PR has been in our experience: learning days, visiting the courts, schools, billboards, bus signs, etc., in hopes that we can return this to the Houston Area.

Met with Colin, Henry & Terasina on 3/14/21:

- discussed 2020/2021 minutes going on the website
 - Colin is sending the Facilitator 5 years of minutes to upload
- discussed the subcommittee page have an error “page not found”
 - names of Subcommittees, alias emails for contact, scheduled subcommittees meetings (zoom links need to be updated) Policy meets 1st Sunday 6pm ASC zoom link
- Updating the meeting schedule is simple except there is no undo once it is changed to see what it was before, you just have to be careful
- Donation Button on homepage
 - Colin says using “Cash App” or Paypal is super easy
 - Current ASC bank account is an Unincorporated Account, Treasurer and RCM at Bank of America
 - Paypal 5%, Cash App 3.9% (Colin suggested both for functionality)
- Asked Colin what could we do to help PR?
 - Colin technically rolled off in January, transfer of service,
 - Asked Colin if he is willing to train someone? Colin said it is too big of a job for one person. Webservant, Phone Line, Meeting Schedule is a lot by itself
 - Colin is willing to stay on and manage the webpage, group activities on the calendar
 - Asking Terasina B to do phone line
 - Chad to go outreach of learning days etc
- Discussed having a PR learning day on person and on zoom, recording the session to have a “training video”

- Colin suggested making training videos for the PR subcommittee, attach to subcommittee page for future members to understand the duties of all subcommittees if needed
- What is missing in PR?
 - Colin said having outreach to the public & updating and managing the online aspects
 - Colin said pertaining to finances, phones and web service is very affordable
 - Printing of the meeting schedules- business cards for meeting info discussion, QR codes to share on screen for meeting list, print and have near their literature rack
- Terasina logged on, doesn't mind checking voicemails and looking into phonelines and who is on the schedule taking calls, who is directing phone line volunteers
 - Calendar on backpage of website (unpublished)
 - Phoneline passwords sending to Terasina
 - Involving outreach to go to meetings, make a schedule of where they will be going to involve others

3/21/14: Met with Colin, Terasina and Henry

- Unpublishing Surrender to Win on the schedule
- Colin & Terasina discussed the phone line & a schedule for meetings, the phone line trusted servants need a schedule to direct people to meetings
- Discussed the unity that will happen when meetings who only have 1-2 members meeting, holding the doors open possibly join with other groups so support their neighborhoods, the possibilities that will open through Metropolitan Areas around Houston.
- Discussed where all the volunteers are in the Houston area? Where is everyone's spouses?

Email any schedule changes to ScheduleChanges@hascona.com .

This subcommittee badly needs support, and continues to meet on the third Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM at Zoom ID 840 9490 3914.

ACTIVITIES – provided a written report, which reads as follows:

March 17th, 2021

Started at 7:41 pm on Zoom

New Business:

-ideas for functions

-places for events to be held

-groups to possibly consider for partnering up with

-Rhianna to reach out to Sam G about using Chanve for Freedoms facility to host a volleyball tournament in the month of May

-After reaching out to Sam G we were informed the gym would be occupied most of the time but the softball field would be available.

-We've decided to do a kickball tournament on the softball field in the month of May.

Exact date will be determined.

join the next subcommittee meeting which is the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:30.

-Zoom ID is 514 350 6986 / Password: activities

POLICY – provided a written report, which reads as follows:

HASCONA Policy Subcommittee

Report for ASC on 3/28/2021

Subcommittee to meet on the first Sunday from 6-7pm on zoom.

Zoom ID 840 9490 3914

We have currently used our subcommittee time to familiarize ourselves with the policy.

Ronnie H

Point of Information: We are currently using the GSR Report to HASCONA, and the HASCONA Proposal Form (*see attached documents*).

RCM 1 – has stepped down from the RCM 1 position in the spirit of rotation.

RCM 2 – provided written report, which reads as follows:

RCM Report for March 2021

Good day all. Hope today finds you all well and in good spirits. Dawn and I attended the Regional Assy this month. Elections were Steve P. elected as RD and Ruben from San Antonio voted in as RDA. Discussions were held on numerous topics. A discussion was held about a month long caring and sharing session in April via Zoom implemented by Washington North Idaho Region. We are looking into a time slot for TBRNA. More info to come. A long discussion was held regarding moving NAWS to a central less expensive location. This would require a extensive study and cost analysis. More to be revealed. Discussion was presented on opening up more literature distribution centers worldwide. Discussion on how votes are tallied via Zoom. Policy states secret ballots. Via Zoom this is impossible. Voting occurred the same as we use via Zoom. Just the way of the times. Policy may need new voting rule for Zoom meetings. As face to face meetings resume in our area. Zoom meetings will likely start to decline. Zoom meetings have quickly become a convenient and viable source of recovery for many. Besides the pandemic they offer convenience for us and a lifeline for those who are unable to attend face to face meetings for various health reasons. We may want to discuss as an area a permanent schedule of Zoom meetings area wide. Literature study, speaker, etc. Just a thought to be proactive and maintain a more schedule friendly system.

In loving service Hurshell C & Dawn

OPEN SHARING SESSION

Sam G. mentioned that he can dispose of the old hard drives contained in the HASCONA storage unit at his place of employment. What is the value of the storage space? Paying ~\$60.00/month. This is be a climate controlled, humidity-controlled environment to store Houston Area's items of value (cash registers, etc.) to protect it in the event of something happening to the point of contact otherwise holding them. Jerry M. mentioned that he has a key, and will coordinate with Sam G. to get him the hard drives. Kristina S. suggested that we create a group pool calendar for the subcommittee meetings that would give reminders before said meetings, and was directed to the PR subcommittee.

REVIEW OF BUSINESS

- **Items for GSRs to take back to their Groups:** MSC Ad Hoc proposal by TSTB.
- **Other old business for next ASC:** MSC Ad Hoc proposal by TSTB.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Cypress Group** is holding their annual Campout at Lake Somerville from 4/30/2021 – 5/2/2021. Flyer attached.
- **Next ASC** on 4/25/2021 @ 1:00 pm, preceded by the Quarterly Financial Subcommittee Meeting @ 12:00 PM. Zoom ID: 840 9490 3914.

Adjourned at 3:02 PM with the Third Step Prayer.

In Loving Service,

Sarah N.