

HASCONA
Houston Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous
 Meeting Minutes for April 25th, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 PM with the Serenity Prayer, followed by the Service Prayer led by Sarah N., a reading of the 12 Traditions by Steve P., and a reading of the 12 Concepts by Sam D.

I. ROLL CALL

GROUP	Present	Absent	right to vote this session?
Facilitator	P		
Co-Facilitator	P		
Recorder	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Treasurer	P		
Co-Treasurer	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
RCM 1	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
RCM 2	P		
H&I	P		
PR	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Activities	P		
Outreach	P		
Policy	P		
HACNA	P		
1960 Group		A	
Alive & Kicking		A	
Chance for Freedom	P		X
Copperfield		A	
Early Birds	P		X
Familia Unida	P		
Hope Sweet Hope	P		X
Hugs not Drugs	P		X
Jekyll & Hyde	P		X
Juntos Podemos		A	
Keep it Real		A	
New Pathfinders		A	
Our Common Bond	P		X
Phoenix Group		A	
Rainbow of Hope	P		X
Sunday Starters		A	
The Sooner the Better (TSTB)	P		X
Ties that Bind	P		
Tomball New Attitudes	P		X
Wharton Serenity Seekers	P		

RECOGNITIONS:

New Groups: Wharton Serenity Speakers – 125 East Ahldag, Wharton, TX 77488 (mobile home next to church) meets every Wednesday at 6:00 PM.

New GSRs: Robbie B. from Wharton Serenity Seekers

II. KEY ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- A. Recorder's Report** – Minutes from March 2021 were reviewed and accepted with the exception that Early Birds WAS present for the March 2021 ASC. (*Interim Recorder will edit the last recordings to reflect this.*)
- B. Facilitator's Report** – please report any changes to the meeting schedule to schedulechanges@hascona.com. Agenda was reviewed and approved.
- C. Treasurer's Report** – March 2021 bank statement and written report was provided (*see attachments*), reviewed, and accepted. The new Treasurer will check the Post Office Box for donations in the coming weeks, and any donations will be applied to April's report.

III. GROUP REPORTS

- **1960 Group** – (*absent with representation*) Still meets in person at the church on Saturdays at 8:00 PM. Average attendance is 20 members. They will be sending a donation to the Area.
- **Alive & Kicking** – (*absent*)
- **Chance for Freedom** – Still has in-person meetings on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 8:00 PM in the Gym. A \$200.00 donation is to be mailed to the P.O. Box this month.
- **Copperfield** – (*absent*)
- **Early Birds** – Still meets on Zoom on Mondays at 6:00 AM. Average attendance is 8-12 members. This will continue to be a virtual meeting after the pandemic is over.
- **Familia Unida** – Begins meeting in person on 4/26/2021. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 8:00 PM. Hand sanitizer will be available, and they will try to be social distancing.
- **Hope Sweet Hope** – Still has a hybrid meeting on Thursdays at 7:00 PM. Average attendance varies. Needs some meeting support. Will not be providing a donation this month.
- **Hugs not Drugs** – Still meets in person on Mondays and Wednesdays at Noon – average attendance has picked up a little. They also meet in person on Thursdays @ 8:00 PM – average attendance is 10–20 members.
- **Jekyll & Hyde** – Still has hybrid meeting on Sundays at 6:00 PM. They are open to the public. Average attendance is 50–80 members in person, and 5–10+ members on Zoom.
- **Keep it Real** – (*absent*)
- **New Pathfinders** – (*absent*)

- **Our Common Bond** – Still meets in person on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:00 PM (average attendance 15 – 20 members), and on Zoom on Sundays at 8:00 PM (average attendance 4-8 members). Thursday Zoom meet has been discontinued.
- **Phoenix Group** – (*absent*)
- **Rainbow of Hope** – Still has hybrid meeting on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM. Average attendance is 10-15 members.
- **TSTB** – Still meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:00 PM in the parking lot (bring a chair and a mask), and Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 8:00 PM on Zoom. They will be having a roller skating event on 4/3/2021 @ 7:00 PM at the Houston Just Roller Skating venue. \$13 per person – bring extra socks.
- **Tomball New Attitudes** – Still meets on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7:00 PM at the Spring Creek Park (15012 Brown Rd, Tomball, TX). Average attendance is 12-15 members. They will be making a \$150.00 donation to the Area this month.
- **Ties that Bind Us** – Still meets on Sundays at 7:30 and Tuesdays at 8:00 PM in the church (pre-COVID location). Average attendance is 12-20 members. Masks are not required.
- **Wharton Serenity Seekers** – Meets in person on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM at 125 East Ahldag, Wharton, TX 77488, in the mobile home next to the church. Their average attendance is 4 members, and they want to get on the meeting schedule.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- **MOTION P1 3.28.21** - to create an Ad Hoc committee for further MSC discussion. *Passed.*

For further reference on Metropolitan Service Committees, see [A Guide To Local Services, pgs. 70-78.](#)

Chair: Crystal E. – *chair will send out date/time information to supporting members.*

Supporting members: Steve P., Hurshell C., Henry H., Justin R., Mikaila H., and Jerry M.

- **Storage Unit clean up/disposal of debris:** two members were unable to meet yesterday at the storage unit, due to Public Storage changing their hours of operation. The gate code has been changed, so they need to meet with an employee to gain access to the storage unit.
Point of Information: Public Storage used to charge us around \$80.00 monthly for use of the Storage Unit, and they attempted to raise the rates on 1/1/2021, however we were given a loyalty discount instead, and our rate has changed to \$60.16 monthly, effective 1/1/2021.
Point of Information: All the banners for the HACNA Conventions are in the garage of the Convention Chairperson. Someone should call her and coordinate to get these banners in the storage unit, where it is centrally-located and climate-controlled.
Point of Information: Jerry M. has one key to the Storage Unit, and Sarah N. has three keys.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- **MOTION P1 4.25.21** – Chance for Freedom proposed that Jerry M. to go to the storage Unit himself and **catalog (take pictures) its contents.** Then he will get together with Sam G. to dispose of the old monitors and any other obsolete items. *Passed by consensus.*
- Treasurer will coordinate with Steve P. for guidance on how to **change the signers on the Bank of America Checking account.**

Passed

- **MOTION P2 4.25.21: Financial Audit of the last year (2020) to date of the Treasury records, reports, bank statements, etc. to be held in three months (July 2021) with the current and outgoing treasurers, one member of the current administrative body and an outside member (non-member of current administrative body) or other entity.**

Current Policy states that the Facilitator schedules and facilitates the Annual Review (audit) within 90 days after the beginning of the fiscal year. That would have been January, but we didn't actually have a Treasurer at that time, so the Annual Review did not take place. Those in attendance must include incoming and outgoing Treasurers, one administrative body member, and an "outside entity." All other NA members are welcome to attend.

Point of Information: Karen K. did an audit in 2017 or 2018 – reach out to her?

VI. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

A. H&I - provided a facility and contact list and a written report that reads as follows:

H and I subcommittee minutes for April 2021 Patrick B.

Concepts - Kevin

Traditions – Patrick

Service Prayer – Sam G

Roll call

Facilitator – Sam D

Cheyenne Center - open

Co-facilitator – open

Cenikor – Sam G

Literature – Kevin R

Westpark Springs – Elizabeth P

Recorder – open

Woman's Home - open

Literature Report – Kevin R

Literature OH 3179 units at \$1453.84 Report and Spreadsheet of literature went to Sam D. We have plenty of IP's in key ones but in need of four to be filled in and need to buy more white booklets. You can reach Kevin at 281-798-1953/krasco@gmail.com with literature needs.

Cenikor – 5629 Grapevine St, Houston, Texas 77085. Meetings Sunday, Saturday and Tuesdays at 7pm in person. This is a coed facility. Attendance is anywhere from 5 to 15 depending on night. They are really in need of panel members and would love to find a female panel member. Please pass the word they are in need of help. Need literature

Cheyenne Center – 10525 Eastex Freeway, Houston, Texas 77093. Friday nights at 6pm in person on dish side of facility only. In need of panel leaders for 2nd and 3rd Friday and of course always in need of panel members. Men's only facility and anywhere from 30 to 50 men on any given Friday. They are in need of literature and Patrick will meet with Kevin this week to get what they need and take it Friday the 23rd.

Westpark Springs – 6902 S Peek Road, Richmond, Texas 77407. Coed facility meets Saturdays at 7:45pm in person. 75 bed facility but only one unit is up and running. It is coed and gets between 3 and 10 people at the meetings. All Saturdays are covered. Would like 10 of each IP available.

The Woman's Home – 607 Westheimer Road, Houston, Texas 77006. The meeting is on Saturday at 2:00pm and normally has 8 to 12 patients. This is a zoom meeting and all weeks are covered with panel members. Laura J. Ally, Jill M, Ana L, Geneetta still pending. There is no facility coordinator but Laura J has been helping out a lot. There were two weeks last month that there were technical problems. They need literature. Kevin will get with Laura to determine what they need.

Santa Maria – Elizabeth P knows contacts there and will reach out to see if they are set up for zoom or ready for in person meetings. We talked about sending them literature even if no meeting is happening.

Old Business – talked about open positions in this subcommittee and Tommy nominated himself for Cheyenne facilitator. He qualified himself and has many years' experience in H and I and at Cheyenne Center. Member asked him about his health problems and verified he has transportation. Sam asked if he could find someone to fill the open panel leader's weeks and he said yes.

Woman's Home needs facility coordinator.

Networking in the fellowship and area to get more people involved again in H and I

Reach out to Odyssey House.

New Business – Chrystal asked for list of meetings, Times and members involved and for Sam to create a contact list. She asked him to bring that to Area.

Open positions

Learning Days- talked about adding a Hand I presentation to a planned event on June 5th for Hacna.

Chrystal mentioned we are all invited to PR subcommittee meeting on the third Sunday at 1:30pm.

Sam G requested minutes from the meetings.

The H&I Subcommittee needs new Facility Coordinators for the Women's Home (females) and the Cheyenne Center (males). They also need a Co-Facilitator and a Recorder. The H&I subcommittee continues to meet on the third Sunday of every month @ 2:30 PM at Zoom ID 713 594 6997.

H&I Facility and Contacts List:

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H&I Facility & Contact list				
POSITION	NAME	PHONE #	EMAIL	
FACILITATOR	SAM D	713-594-6997	SGDEATLY@GMAIL.COM	
CO FACILITATOR	OPEN			
LITERATURE	Kevin R	281-798-1953	kerasco@gmail.com	
RECORDER	OPEN			
CHEYENE CENTER - IN PERSON		FRIDAYS	MENS	6:00 PM
FACILITY COORDINATOR - OPEN				
1ST FRIDAY	CHAD S			
2ND FRIDAY	TOMMY			
3RD FRIDAY	TOMMY			
4TH FRIDAY	PATRICK/MIKE			
5TH FRIDAY	SAM D			
WESTPARK SPRINGS IN PERSON		SATURDAYS	COED	7:00 PM
FACILITY COORDINATOR				
	ELIZABETH P	713-992-6704	ElizabethPatterson@spsh.com	
1ST SATURDAY	JUSTIN O			
2ND SATURDAY	AARON M			
3RD SATURDAY	SAM D			
4TH SATURDAY	ELIZABETH P			
5TH SATURDAY	ELIZABETH P			
WOMENS HOME - ZOOM		SATURDAYS	COED WOMENS	2:00 PM
FACILITY COORDINATOR				
	OPEN	CONTACT LAURA J	713-557-8703	CONTACT
CURRENTLY BEING ATTENDED BY				
LAURA J	AUBREY H			
JILL M				
MARY M				
ODYSSEY HOUSE - INACTIVE				
CENIKOR IN PERSON		TUES/SAT/SUN	COED	7:00 PM
FACILITY COORDINATOR				
	OPEN	CONTACT SAM G	832-795-1712	
TUESDAYS	ABRAHAM			
SATURDAYS	TEDDY W			
SUNDAYS	SAM G			
SANTA MARIA - INAVTIVE				

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

Thank you to everyone who attended my first outreach subcommittee. I will be attending one meeting a week for the month of May. I will reach out to meeting that we have not heard from. I am working with P.R. to have a small event with the meetings that are struggling and get the meeting schedule up to date. There was also talk about creating a QR code to make it easy to get on the website for the meeting schedules.

May meetings I will be attending

May 4-Old School Kiss on zoom
May 8 - Here and Now zoom
May 12- Show up and Grow Up
May 18 Phoenix on zoom
May 22- 1960
May 23 Keep it Clean

If anyone has any meeting suggestions feel free to reach out to me.
Phone # 3467573154
email. allyg662019@gmail.com

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

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

HACNA APRIL 2021 FACILITATOR REPORT:

We met on 4/24/21, we had 16 people in attendance. Voted in a Web Servant Renae S and Merchandise facilitator Cathryn P, and Arts and Graphics Ronnie H.

Our first HACNA fundraiser will be June the 5th from 11am to 2pm. It is a Brunch speaker Jam. We will have breakfast food and refreshments. Suggested donation of \$8. We have a woman speaker coming from Austin and a male speaker coming from Louisiana. There will also be a PR workshop to learn more about this service committee and ways we can support it. T-shirts will be for sale and there will be Early Bird Registrations available! We would love the Houston area to come out and support.

Positions open are:

Policy 2 years clean time

Subcommittee Meetings coming up:

Check HACNA Website for subcommittee meeting dates- site is being updated

Our next meeting will be on May 16th 1pm Zoom id: 333 723 4519, np. Come help us plan an amazing convention!

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

P.R. Subcommittee

Met with Jamie, Julian, Crystal & Terasina on 4/18/21:

Open: Serenity Prayer

OLD Business on going...

PR -Chair Position remains open. For nominations

- discussed 2020/2021 minutes going on the website
 - Colin is sending the Facilitator 5 years of minutes to upload
- 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

UPDATE: LEARNING DAY

- Discussed having a PR learning day in person; Will be on JUNE 5th with HACNA-14 kick-off event, 15min on PR and 15min on H&I
- 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 – STILL NEEDS reaching out to Colin.

UPDATE:

-Involving outreach to go to meetings, make a schedule of where they will be going to involve others , At this time Outreach and PR are working together to go to at least 1-2 meetings a week to show support but to also see if there is still a in person meeting. To keep an on-going accurate meeting schedule to the best of our ability, which impacts the Newcomer as it does the long timers. Help phoneline also when directing Addicts looking for a meeting.

Was discussed to add budgeting for Pizzas and possible pastries to be taken with Outreach/PR personnel to each scheduled meeting for the next quarter. Requesting at quarterly budgets.

NEW BUSINESS:



CAPTURE THE FLAG

FLAG OF UNITY

Close: 3rd step prayer

Email any schedule changes to ScheduleChanges@hascona.com.

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

Passed

- **MOTION P3 4.25.21 “The Button”** – to post a button on the website (not the homepage) where members can donate electronically. *Passed by consensus.*
Henry H. will get with Colin P. and Treasurer to make this happen.

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

HASCONA Activities Subcommittee Meeting

-Reached out to Sam G from Chance For Freedom and got the Area event scheduled for Saturday June 12th

-We are estimating between 50-70 people for this event-Asking those with Area Service Positions to bring a side dish or dessert

-Attending Financial Meeting April 25th at noon to request funds for hot dogs, burgers and chips

-Only asking for donations to eat if people have it. No addict will be turned away.

-Will split proceeds with Chance for Freedom for they can donate to their church.

-Sam G. to provide a cooker, and Chance for Freedom will provide plates/napkins/cutlery, and will also be donating a trophy.

- GSRs – prepare a kickball team of your home group members (or any members) for this event on 6/12/2021.

Text the Activities chair at 832-552-9625 for info, or to register your team.

Take back To Groups

F. POLICY – Chair held a subcommittee meeting on 4/11/2021 – is requesting a change in the date/time to be the first Saturday at noon on the ASC Zoom account.

In the future, they will be making guidelines for forming an Ad Hoc Committee.

Next Subcommittee Meeting will be held on 5/1/2021 at Noon on Zoom.

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

RCM Report for April 202

Hello all my fellow trusted servants. Not a whole lot to report this month. No new regional news. I did meet with Charlene and in the past we provided a Guide to Local service and a copy of the area policy. I purchased 2 Guides and supplied Alive and Kicking and Phoenix groups GSRs these items. I am submitting the invoice for \$18.29. The notebooks were 1\$ each at the dollar store. So I'm asking for a reimbursement of \$20.29. With new GSRs I'm sure we have more that need these two items I first need to know if we are going to continue with this service. I think we should. I need a list of GSRs who would like one and then we could order the Guides to Local Service from the WSO or HASO, whichever y'all prefer. Thank you from letting me be of service.

Love Y'all

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hurshellcox@gmail.com

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RCM provided receipt for two (2) Guides to Local Service totaling \$18.29, including tax. Treasurer will reimburse him \$20.29 as soon as she's been made a signer on the bank account.

VII. OPEN SHARING SESSION

- **Youth in Recovery.** (*“Youth” defined as 14 – 25 years old.*) AA has Youth Conventions. Where did all the young NA members go? Pre-COVID, their numbers seemed to be higher than they are today. The treatment facilities that house a lot of young people in recovery are not taking them to outside meeting nearly as much, if at all, because of the pandemic. PR will continue to do what they do in spreading the word that NA is a viable resource for recovery in the community.
- **Q: How much longer is the ASC going to be convening via Zoom?** Discussion followed: Co-Facilitator stated that he would look into securing a location to hold in-person ASC meetings for those who wish to meet in person, but it would likely still be a hybrid meeting, which then begs the question: why are we meeting in person?
A: The consensus of this body is that due to practical reasons and concerns regarding the prudent use of NA funds, this body will continue to meet on the Zoom platform for at least one more month, and will discuss it further at a later date, if such discussion is requested by the Groups and/or members of this body.

VIII. REVIEW OF BUSINESS

- **Items for GSRs to take back to their Groups:** The H&I Subcommittee needs new Facility Coordinators for the Women's Home (females) and the Cheyenne Center (males). They also need a Co-Facilitator and a Recorder. Take back a copy of the H&I Facility and Contacts List to your home group. Prepare a kickball team of your Home group members for the Kickball Event on 6/12/2021. Text the Activities chair at 832-552-9625 for info, or to register your team.
- **Other old business for next ASC:** none.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Cypress Group** is holding their annual Campout at Lake Somerville from 4/30/2021 – 5/2/2021. (*Flyer attached.*)
- **Next ASC** on 5/30/2021 @ 1:00 pm. Zoom ID: 840 9490 3914.

Adjourned at 2:59 PM with the Third Step Prayer.

In Loving Service,

Sarah N.