

Minutes from First Coast Area
 Florida Regional Service Conference
 July 18, 19, 20, 2003

The RSC meeting was held at the Radisson River walk, in Jacksonville. We opened at 9:00 am, with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer and the reading of the twelve traditions, twelve concepts, and the purpose of the RSC.

Roll Call: (RCM's)						
On roll=13 Present=12 Quorum=8 Simple majority=7 Waive policy=9 Change policy =9						
	JAN 03	March03	May 03	July 03	Sept 03	Nov 03
Bahamas	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent		
Bay	Present	Present	Present	Present		
Big Bend	Absent	Absent	Absent	Present		
Chain 0 Lakes	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent		
Daytona	Present	Present	Present	Present		
First Coast	Present	Present	Present	Present		
Heartland	Present	Present	Present	Present		
Orlando	Present	Present	Present	Present		
Palm Coast	Present	Present	Absent	Present		
Recovery	Present	Present	Present	Present		
River Coast	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent		
South Atlantic	Present	Present	Present	Absent		
Sun Coast	Present	Present	Present	Present		
Fun Coast	Present	Present	Present	Present		
Treasure Coast	Present	Present	Present	Present		
Uncoast	Absent	Present	Absent	Present		
Roll Call (admin)						
2001	Jan 03	March03	May 03	July 03	Sept 03	Nov03
Chair	Present	Present	Absent	Present		
V. Chair	Present	Present	Present	Present		
Secretary	Present	Present	Present	Present		
Alt. Sec.	Open	Open	Open	Open		
Treasurer	Present	Present	Present	Absent		
Alt. Treas.	Present	Present	Present	Present		
R.D.	Present	Present	Present	Present		
A.D.	Present	Present	Present	Present		
Policy	Present	Present	Present	Present		
Help line	Present	Present	Present	Present		
H & I	Present	Present	Present	Present		
Literature	Open	Open	Open	Open		
P. I.	Present	Present	Present	Present		
Web page	Present	Present	Present	Present		
RSO Pres	Present	Present	Present	Present		
FRC Pres	Present	Present	Present	Present		

Open Forum: (summarized)

Ron M- thank you 1st Coast Area for hosting the RSC.

Rob S, Heartland RCM's his mother passed away.

A card is being passed around for all who wish to sign.

Congratulation's Gary P (outgoing RSC Chair) and Jana on there upcoming wedding next month.

Reports:

Secretary:

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Old Business:

Motion # 41 Orlando/Heartland (9-15-02) To form an Outreach sub-committee. Purpose would be to facilitate communication with outlying or struggling areas, such as Bahamas, Chain O'Lakes, Cuba, etc. Will utilize the WSC Publication "Outreach Resource Information."

Intent: Concepts 1, 8 Traditions 5 & 9

Tabled to the next RSC for More information and request for clarification.

Motion #33: South Atlantic/FRC (5-18-03)

To establish the Position of Outreach and Fellowship Development Coordinator. The member elected to this position will coordinate Outreach initiatives for the Florida Region. The Outreach and Fellowship Development Coordinator will organize and communicate with volunteers throughout the Region to provide services as described in the WSC Publication, "Outreach Resources Information" or other services as approved by the FRSC. The initial Coordinator will have 5 years clean and meet other qualifications of an RSC Officer. The Outreach and Fellowship Development Coordinator will perform services after reporting and approval of the Florida Region. Guidelines for the continued performance of this function shall be submitted to the FRSC for consideration within 6 months of the election of the initial coordinator. The Outreach and Fellowship Development Coordinator will attend each RSC meeting but will not be required to hold a traditional "subcommittee" meeting. It may be desirable for the Coordinator to have time set aside as a forum for input. An initial budget will be established for: \$540 RSC Travel, \$150 Postage and Copies, \$50 Phone Calls- For a Total of up to \$740.00.

Intent: To establish a single point of contact and accountability for the coordination of Outreach and Fellowship Development Services. To establish an initial Budget which may be revised after a more complete action plan is developed.

Tabled to the next RSC for More information and request for clarification.

Elections:

The Following have been nominated and elected:

RSC Vice-Chair Kristi F. Bay Area
RSC Secretary Sandy S Heartland
RSC Helpline Barbara S Heartland
RSC H & I Scott S Palm Coast
RSC PI Roberto M Tampa Funcoast
Webpage Dave L Bay Area
FRC Pres John H Tampa
FRC CFO Sandy M Heartland
RSO Pres Biff K Orlando
RSC elect to FRC Steve S Tampa
RSC elect to RSO Mark B Daytona
RSC elect to RSO CJ A. Tampa
RCM's to Policy: Sam B Big Bend
Brenda C Orlando

Congratulations to all newly elected trusted servants.

OPEN POSITIONS AT THE RSC PLEASE ANNOUNCE:

RSC Alt Secretary
RSC Alt Treasurer
RSC Literature Chair
RSC Policy Chair
FRC 3 RSC elect
RSO 3 RSC elect

Host Committee FRCNA 23 Host Vice-Chair, Marathon Chair, and Registration Chair, nominations will be held at the Host Committee Meeting August 3, 2003 at 11am at the JW Marriott in Orlando.

New Business: On roll=13 Present=12 Quorum=8 Simple majority=7 Waive policy=9
Change policy =9

Motion #34: RSC Literature/RSC Secretary (7/20/03) To direct the RSO to purchase the pre-sponsorship review material, as soon as it is available, for each area total of 16 at @ \$5.00-\$6.00 each, not to exceed \$100.00including postage. These packets are to be included in the ASC Literature orders, if there is no literature order, then the packets will be mailed separately. To be paid for out of the Literature Budget, line item, “workshops”.

Intent: To make available for each area to do workshops prior to the 2004 CAR, 1st tradition.

Passed 11-1-0

Motion #35: RD/ Policy: (7/20/03) To provide lodging (2 rooms per area), for the GSR's in the Florida Region, for the March 2004 RSC/GSR Assembly. (Conference Agenda Report Vote.) \$3800.00

Intent: to insure as many GSR's as possible can attend this important meeting. Finances are often a reason GSR's do not attend. There is adequate money to fund this through this year's convention donation to the RSC. Attendance supports a conscience along with group's votes at the assembly. This motion is consistent with the purpose of the RSC.

Passed 11-0-1

Motion # 36: RD/Policy (7/20/03) All Regional Delegate and Alt Delegate travel (except World Service Conference for RD) outside the Florida Region, be consistent in principle with Conference Participant expense procedures contained in the NA Guide to World Services. Items to be approved include; travel to and from airports, parking, air fare, tolls, per diem (\$45.00 per day) during out of state travel, mileage, (.365) if private owned vehicles are driven out of state and lodging.

Intent: This motion is proposed in the spirit of the 12th tradition. and Concept 2 (page 5). The Guide to World Services is the foundation of other delegates in their travel outside their respective regions. Future and existing delegates petition the RSC treasurer each time they travel outside the Florida Region for reimbursement. The travel is already budgeted. There is no consistent procedure to determine " what is " and "what is not " allowed for reimbursement. So that anyone with average financial resources can serve as delegate, the items above should be included in our policy.

Tabled to Policy

Motion #37: RD/ Policy (7/20/03) (Georgia/South Florida Region) – When the SEZF meets within the zone; the hosting region will provide a facilitator (chairperson) and secretary, other than the RD and AD, to facilitate the business meeting help on Sunday

Intent: receive a conscience from the Florida Region.

Tabled to Policy (in amended form)

Motion #37: AMENDED RD/ Policy (7/20/03) (Georgia/South Florida Region) – When the SEZF meets within the zone; the hosting region will provide and finance a facilitator (chairperson) and secretary, other than the RD and AD, to facilitate the business meeting help on Sunday

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Motion # 38: Ad-hoc NA History/AD (7/20/03) That the FI RSC through the FI RSO pay the upfront cost of printing and publishing the Florida NA History Book-Special Edition. The estimate amount required is \$10,000.00

Intent: the pre-sales of this book have not produced the fees needed for this project. We believe that once people can see and touch the book they will sell quickly. The sole owner of this book is the Florida Regional Service Office Inc. The committee should complete the book in the next two months, it will therefore be ready to print this fall, and at the current rate a book will be complete with no hope of it being printed without additional financial support.

Motion to table Failed 7-5-0

Passed 10-2-0

Motion #39: Ad-hoc Na History/AD (7/20/03) To approve attached agreement for use when contracting future convention display rooms

Intent: so that the history display is self-supporting.

Ruled out of order. (See attached contract in the minutes)

Motion #40: Palm Coast/RSC Secretary (7/20/03) To reimburse Palm Coast \$50.00 paid to MCI to World Unity Day link. We do not have a receipt as we believe the reimbursement was going to be automatic based on motion #8 Jan 2003.

Intent: concept 9 & 12

Failed 1-8-3

Motion #41: RSO/PI (7/20/03) For a vote of Confidence to secure Office Space for the FRSO and execute a lease and hire a special worker.

Intent: To continue functions of the office without interruption.

Passed 10-2-0

Host Bids:

September 19-22, 2003

Radisson Beach Hotel North Hutchinson Island

2600 North A1A

Fort Pierce, Fl. 34949

(772) 465-5544 in house reservations

Room Rate \$85.00 single & double rooms

CUT OFF DATE August 19, 2003

November 14-16, 2003

Sheraton Hotel

2900 SW 13th Street

Gainesville, Fl. 32608

(352) 377-4000 in house reservations

Room Rate \$90.00 single and double rooms

CUT OFF DATE October 30, 2003

RSC closed with the Serenity Prayer.

Motions Tabled to Areas 7/20/03 none

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Attachment No. 1

Treasurer's Report

Balance Forward: \$ 10,883.73

Donations:			
Big Bend ASC	5/18/2003	100.00	100.00
First Coast ASC	5/18/2003	643.93	
First Coast ASC	5/18/2003	287.08	931.01
Suncoast ASC	5/18/2003	464.14	
Suncoast ASC	5/18/2003	279.42	743.56
So. Atlantic ASC	5/18/2003	583.00	583.00
PI - FADDA Refund	5/18/2003	75.00	75.00
Bank deposit of monies received @ RSC		2,432.57	
A Train to Somewhere	5/14/2003	19.26	
Kissimmee Connection	5/14/2003	69.26	
Kissimmee Connection	4/8/2003	22.24	
Miracles of Faith	4/8/2003	17.94	
United We Stand Group	4/29/2003	20.00	
	5/30/2003	380.00	
Monies Deposited by RSO for RSC		528.70	528.70
Big Bend ASC	reported on may report	(100.00)	(100.00)
Admin- Adjustment	see 5/18/03 report Funcoast 1662.29 S/B 1662.79		0.50
Admin- Adjustment	I could not find it	1.10	1.10
Total Donations:		\$ 2,862.87	2,862.87

Balance After Donations: \$ 13,746.60

Disbursements			
Category:	Ck#	Date	Amount
Admin - Host Hotels (Crowne Plaza)	2242	5/15/2003	563.20
RSC Travel - Policy	2243	5/18/2003	90.00
VOID	2244	5/18/2003	-
FRSO - Admin Min 293.43; Post 6.41; History Copies 50.00; PI Min 25.56	2245	5/18/2003	375.40
RSC Travel - H & I	2246	5/18/2003	90.00
RSC Travel - Alt. Treas.	2247	5/18/2003	90.00
RSC Travel - Vice Chair	2248	5/18/2003	90.00
RSC Travel - Helpline	2249	5/18/2003	90.00
RSC Travel - Secretary	2250	5/18/2003	90.00
RD - Zonal Travel Advance	2251	5/18/2003	679.55
RSC Travel - RD	2252	5/18/2003	90.00
RSC Travel - AD	2253	5/18/2003	90.00
AD - Zonal Travel Advance	2254	5/18/2003	679.55
RSC Travel - Public Info	2255	5/18/2003	90.00
RSC Travel - Web Page	2256	5/18/2003	43.00
RSC Travel - Web Page	2257	5/18/2003	47.00
Admin - Zonal (van rental)	2258	5/18/2003	607.54
Admin - Zonal (hotel)	2259	5/18/2003	737.80
Admin- Adjustment	see 3/16/03 report NO ERROR ON DEPOSIT TICKET		0.60

<u>Total Disbursements:</u>	\$ 4,543.64	<u>4,543.04</u>
<u>Register Balance:</u>		\$ 9,202.96
<u>Outstanding Checks & Deposits</u>		<u>1,632.63</u>
<u>Balance - 5/ 31/ 03 Bank Statement</u>		<u>10,835.59</u>

Treasurer's Report
Continued

	Check Date		
Outstanding Checks:		2131	90.90
	9/15/2002	2186	16.39
	5/18/2003	2246	90.00
	5/18/2003	2247	90.00
	5/18/2003	2258	607.54
	5/18/2003	2259	<u>737.80</u>
Total Outstanding Checks:			\$ 1,632.63

We are very fortunate to have had Lynn B serve, as she to great lenth to make sure all the records were sorted by RSC and even made a book with all her reports and the bank statements. As a treasurer I have never walked into a position this well prepared.

Our bank statements are current to May 31, 2003. Some notes about todays report. On the 3/16/03 report a 60 cent error was reported - this did not show up, so it is listed as an expense to offset the entry. In May Funcoast was gyped 50 cents when their checks were combined. Now, those two amounts do add up to \$1.10, however the are not the difference I could not find.

Since I am not a signer on the account yet and did not get a check before I left the May RSC there was no NA World Service Donation, I apologize for this and any other inconvenience during the treasurer transition.

I have the updated Budgets today. Lastly, I have given the RSO copies of the bank statements for the past year, and am working with them to get them what they need for the accountant to file the taxes.

ILS, Dot R

For RD Report see link under RD.

AD Report to FRSC - July 20th, 2003

The South East Zonal Forum held its most recent meeting June 6th, 7th, and 8th in Gastonia, North Carolina. Again the Zonal was well attended with nearly 50 addicts at the Saturday Workshop and perhaps 25-30 participating and observing the formal Zonal Meeting on Sunday morning. And again it was the Florida Region that was most strongly represented. Most of us learned something new, or were at least challenged to think about our perceptions. Certainly everyone who attended did gain and develop as a Trusted Servant. Thank you RSC for your support.

Craig and Tony from the World Board were in attendance both days, and Craig facilitated the Saturday Workshop. The topics were Implementation of the Guide to Local Service (GTLS) and further discussion of how Consensus-Based Decision-Making would work (or not work). Far more discussion took place around the Service Structure topic than the Consensus-Based Decision-Making. Basically the Consensus on CBDM seemed to be that any implementation of change in the Narcotics Anonymous decision making process would have to begin at the Local level, but that more specific guidance in terms of "How To" will need to come from the WB first. The GTLS does not contain any information on CBDM, though it is implied. The WB is slated to address provision of guidance on the subject. More will be revealed.

Of greater concern, and more interesting discussion, were the potential changes to the Narcotics Anonymous Service Structure embodied in the GTLS, beyond simply changing the titles by which we address our Trusted Servants (RCM not ASR, RD not RSR). At first glance it would seem the GTLS envisions a Narcotics Anonymous devoid of Subcommittees, other than at the Area Level, replaced by Human Resource Pools and assignments. Furthermore, Concepts 1 and 3 seem to be broadly interpreted to mean (or again imply) there is no need to for the progression of Group Conscious from Home Group to Area to Region to World. Final decision-making would take place at each level.

[AD observation/opinion - the outcome being set up by these two basic changes seems to be that we would centralize the Authority for making decisions, while decentralizing the Responsibility for implementing those decisions. Organization Management 101 is clear that Authority and Responsibility should go hand in hand, otherwise there will occur a disconnect in accountability and confidence]

However, it was pointed out that page 98 of the GLS validates continuation of the current Subcommittee structure for Regions. And it was also very clear that only one Region (Georgia) in our Zone has attempted the non-subcommittee route and that they are not at all satisfied with the out come. Basically the outcome has been the loss of a single point of accountability, and the interruption of direct services. Also, Georgia is the only Region reporting a full scale attempt at Consensus Based Decision Making and they are currently in the process of rewriting that process since it is not serving them well in it's current form.

The bottom line on the Workshop appears to be that the Guide To Local Service is generally a very good tool, as a Guide to the Narcotics Anonymous service process at all levels from the Group to the Region (Zonal Forums are not addressed). A fair amount of time was spent reviewing and discussing various other portions of the Guide, the vast majority of which is traditional Narcotics Anonymous as was found in the TWGS.

The Open Forum portion of the Workshop was taken up with a discussion about the proliferation of Area conventions and their impact in general and specifically on existing Regional conventions. The drain of human resources (time & effort of addicts) and financial support has several Regions concerned. This discussion did not bode well for the possibility of the Zone establishing a Convergence. Also on the topic of conventions it was voiced that Registrations should be a prerequisite for attendance, even at any workshops or speaker meetings. This would be in the furtherance of accountability and responsibility.

The Minutes of the Sunday morning South East Zonal meeting will be available on the website. But here are the highlights.

All the Regions had followed up on the January Zonal workshop by discussing Consensus Based Decision Making to one extent or another. Responses were basically

positive, but without substantial movement toward actual implementation of the process. Again, Georgia is the only Region making headway and they are in the process of revamping. The Old Business motion that the SEZF move toward CBDM was Tabled to the January meeting with the prerequisite that a model or models will be developed in the mean time and communicated via e-mail amongst the members.

All the Regions had also discussed the potential of holding a Conference. And again the input was generally favorable. Especially seeing such an activity as a viable means of fulfilling our mandate to share experience, strength and hope as related to Service. The Old Business motion concerning development of a Conference was again tabled to further develop the concept. It was generally agreed that the suggestion the FRSC Ad-Hoc put forward, to build on the Zonal Workshop format, was seen as favorable.

There was a New Business motion calling for the Hosting Region to provide a Facilitator and a Secretary, other than the RD/AD, to run the Sunday meeting and to take notes. This motion was tabled to the January meeting for further discussion.

RCM Reports

Bahamas: *absent no report.*

Bay Area: *see attached report*

Big Bend: *Greetings from Big Bend. It's been so long that we have not been on the floor. Big Bend is still growing and changing. We have 18 meetings a week supported by 11 groups. H & I is going strong with a lot of area support. We still suffer from lack of willingness to serve PI, but we are working on that issue. Phonenumber is working and handling calls daily. We still have an Area Convention. It will be August 1-3, 2003 at the Holiday Inn on US 90 in downtown Tallahassee Registration is \$15.00. However I have no registration forms with me today. ILS Sam B.*

Chain O Lakes: *absent no report*

Daytona: *see attached report*

First Coast: *see attached report*

Heartland: *see attached report*

Orlando: *see attached report*

Palm Coast: *All committee's are well manned and are taking care of business. Public Information continues to have Traveling Awareness Service meeting at different groups each month. They have also been asked to bring a panel to another high school. PI is currently bringing meeting list's to HRS facilities, hospitals, dr's offices, ECT. Reaching out to Radio and TV Stations again also taking place for PSA's. H & I has most meetings covered as best they can. Since 9/11 when we were told we could no longer have our weekly NA meeting, group members are trying to bring a meeting back there. Finally H & I has been asked to bring in a panel. I along with the Palm Coast H & I regional rep, and S. FL H & I reg rep, showed up for an appointment for training class at the criminal justice building so we would be able to go in to the jails with meetings, we were told the paperwork wasn't there and we were unable to get the training. This was the 3rd time it has happened to the PC H & I chair and the 1st time for S. FL and myself. These classes are given every 3 months on Saturdays so the Prison System continues to thrust our need to reach out to the addict behind the walls. Activities Committee continues to hold picnics, bowl-a-thon's, softball games, and other fun raising events on a monthly basis. Both Serenity in the Sun and the Spiritual Retreat continue with their plans. More will be revealed. Helpline continues to work there magic with the phone's there is a committee in the works to hold a picnic and meeting with both Treasure Coast and Mid-Coast to explore ways to bring the costs for phones down. Our Helpline Chair is stepping down and plans to step up with a commitment to become the new Alt RCM. We added another web address www.palmcoastna.org eventually our present address will be phased out. There are presently 67 meetings a week, 8 sub-committee's and 1 GSR workshop once a month. ILS RJM Palm coast RCM*

Recovery Coast: see attached

River Coast: absent no report.

South Atlantic: absent: REPORT SUBMITTED see attached.

Suncoast: see attached

Tampa Funcoast: Tampa Funcoast is alive and well. Our H & I sub-committee is doing well and looking forward to its annual learning day. There is a problem with Tradition Infringement with one facility. They wanted the sub-committee to sign a letter of confidentiality. Rather than to do that the Committee voted not to return to the facility. Our area elected 2 FRCNA program reps, I was elected RCM 2. I and my ASC chair Julie S are representing our Area today. Today we are donating \$2447.51. ILS Bob M. Our voting procedures have changed so all positions are open with nominations coming forthwith.

Treasure Coast: see attached

Uncoast: The Uncoast Area ASC met on July 13, 2003 from 2pm to 4pm. The Uncoast Area is doing well. All positions at the area level are filled. Our Helpline now has a new answering service, which replaces our old voice mail and beeper system. Now when addicts call to the Helpline they get a real person on the other end who is an operator at the answering service. The operator gives basic info re: meeting times and places. If the caller wants more information than that, the caller is told someone from NA will call them back shortly. So far the system has been in place for @ 3 weeks and is working well. An Ad-hoc committee was appointed to review the draft of the FI History Project. The committee has yet to set a date to meet, but tentative plans are for mid-august. H & I is doing well for our area. We have added a new meeting at ACDC, which meets every other Friday night at the Men's unit. Not enough women involved taking a meeting at the Woman's unit ACDC. Our PI chair has done a fantastic job with PSA's, literature mailing's to local physician's, and Literature rack at AA and PHD. Donations of the Basic text to local libraries. However he is now moving to So. Broward Area and he will be sorely missed. Other sub-committee's are at a lull, but still functioning- just not anything terribly significant to report at this time. ILS Tina

Attachment No. 3 (continued)

Bay Area RCM Report
July 20, 2003

The Bay Area is doing well. We have 46 groups, representing 87 meetings a week. A new meeting requested a starter kit. More will be revealed.

I attended the Southeast Zonal Forum. Thank you to the Region for allowing me to attend.

Activities at present, are on hold due to our previous financial woes. They are planning events for the not-so-distant future. Again, more will be revealed.

Additional Needs is still active, supported and looking for more support. Their sign-up sheets for addicts to give rides to other addicts with disabilities to meetings has been successful.

PI is active and gaining support. We are contacting all the High Schools in Pinellas County to send out info packets. We are also trying to get some PSA's up and running.

H&I is doing well. They have 17 facilities and bring out 22 meetings a week: 6 men jail and 2 women jail meetings. Their Learning Day was a success.

Our Literature Chair is busy publishing our new newsletter, "Just For Today in the Bay." I have a limited number to hand out today.

Helpline averages 125 calls a week, by 6 pager carriers. We do not have a current chair, the vice chair is fulfilling the duties of Chair.

We've had a couple of active Ad-Hocs: One to help establish a new budget, which we are in the process of implementing; Another to look at the Guide to Local Services and how to make that a part of our current policy. And finally, our Ad-Hoc on the BASCNA Inventory has been giving the green light now that our prudent reserve has been met.

We have no donation today, as we are looking to possibly making, at minimum of a yearly donation to the Region. Until then, we are still in a state of flux.

Thank you again for allowing us to be of loving service,
Hilary & Jim
BASCNA RCM Team

First Coast Area of NA
Regional Report for July 2003

The First Coast is alive and well!! We are growing, as we currently have 51 meetings per week being held by 24 home groups. We just held our annual Area elections, and continue to struggle to fill all open positions. Any suggestions in this area would be appreciated.

One of our strongest subcommittees is, and has been, H&I, with more participation than elsewhere. However, we still have institutions that would like a message of recovery from NA that we do not have the manpower to cover.

Helpline has been getting more support as of recent, but still has some members carrying multiple shifts. We have also been looking into changing methods of handling this service, and would be grateful for any other Areas or the Region to share their experience with us in this matter.

PI is just getting off the ground again in this area, and it is a difficult task to start where there has been no experience or leadership in this Area for a while. We also could use some support from the other Areas or the Region in this matter, as well.

We have voted to make the First Coast Convention an annual event, and therefore, a permanent subcommittee in our Area. Please share with your groups and areas that we will be having a great convention this Labor Day weekend, with some fantastic speakers. Fun and recovery will be shared at this event. Please help us by getting some flyers out in your Area.

Activities subcommittee continues to hold functions in our Area on a fairly regular basis. Some are well attended; some need more support. We could use some suggestions here, also.

Overall, the First Coast Area thrives with recovery, in numbers that continue to grow. We continue to share the hope we have received, and the promise of freedom offered by our fellowship, for which we are grateful.

In Grateful Service,
Bob F.

PS. As we have no "formal" RCM at this time, I will be trying to fulfill the duties of this position as best as possible. I currently have no financial reports with regards to literature orders, donations, etc... More will be revealed!

HEARTLAND AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE
P.O. Box 1848
Eaton Park, FL 32840-1848

RCM REPORT – JULY 20, 2003

Greetings from the Heartland Area. Our area continues to thrive with 19 of 24 groups represented at the HASC last weekend. We have about 50 meetings each week in our area with some meetings in almost every town. The Area Chair, RCM and RCM II, Policy Chair and the Helpline Chair and Vice Chair are vacant. I have been appointed RCM for this Regional and I am running for the RCM position. Rob S was unable to attend this Regional because of a death in the family. I know our thoughts and prayers will be with Rob and his family. His term as RCM will be over today and the Heartland area is grateful for his service.

The H&I subcommittee has 40 meetings at 15 facilities and 37 members with a \$300 budget for literature. We are losing our current chair but there is a new Vice chair stepping up to fill the position.

The Activities sub committee had a great canoe trip in May with 42 people at the meeting on the river and 21 canoes rented. There were at least 60 people all together. Heartland will be having its annual celebration on Labor Day weekend this year, however the event will be on Sunday with a dinner planned. There was a bowling night on June 20th and a good time was had by all.

The first annual HACNA convention is proceeding. I have passed out registration form. Like FRCNA we are cheap IF you register early. Come and support our celebration on the 17, 18 & 19th of October. The regional speaker will be Ron M on Fri. night, the main speaker is Kathy H from Pittsburgh on Sat and Gary B from S Fla on Sun morning, workshops and more, so come join us and show how ***“Real Freedom Is Possible”***

The Helpline committee is functioning well although we are losing Barbara S. who has fulfilled her commitment and is continuing her service elsewhere. Our thanks to Barbara S for her hard work. There is no vice chair but there are a number of trusted servants on the committee who would meet the requirements of the open positions, however no one is able to step up at this time. The committee will continue to function.

In loving service,

Bob K

Orlando Area July 2003 RCM Report

Total Groups: 21 (17 present in both June and July), no new groups
Total Number of Meetings per Week: 66

Elections:

Positions elected: Area Chair (Darren S), Area Vice-Chair (Robert H), Treasurer (Dennis), Activities Chair (Michele P), Activities Vice Chair (Aleta), Convention Chair (Tariq J), H&I Chair (David C), H&I Vice Chair (Jenny J)

Positions acclimated: PI Chair (Kevin M) and Lit Distribution Chair (Jim V)

6 Open Positions: Secretary, Alternate Secretary, Alternate Treasurer, RCM I, Lit Input & Review Chair and Vice Chair

Subcommittees:

Activities is functioning but still looking for support. The Activities Chair has become our Area's Treasurer, so the Vice Chair acclimated to Chair. A new Vice Chair was elected, and these 2 members will be following through with the plans for a family-oriented, summer picnic at Moss Park on August 2nd. Moss Park is in the southern part of the Orlando Area. Swimming and boating is allowed. We are looking forward to an afternoon of NA fun in the sun. Flyers have been distributed to the Area and are now being distributed to the Region. Please distribute these flyers within your Areas and help us promote Unity.

Convention is running smoothly. Our current Convention Chair has agreed to repeat his commitment to provide ESH to the 2004 committee. Our Area passed the motion to move The Celebration of Unity 22 to Memorial Weekend, so the search for a new hotel for the 2004 Celebration has begun. The Celebration of Unity 21 ended with a \$2000 net profit, and these funds are being held to secure a better hotel for next year's convention (if necessary).

HelpLine is again running smoothly with its new answering service. HelpLine has re-instated its "homegroup initiative", a program where HelpLine holds orientation for every homegroup whose members commit to carrying the pagers for a one month period.

H&I is thriving and has grown to 50 meetings in 13 facilities. This subcommittee estimates to be serving over 500 addicts. Both the Chair and Vice Chair were re-elected for one year terms. Although H&I is one of our better-supported subcommittees, there are many Orlando Area facilities that do not yet have an H&I meeting, so this subcommittee is focusing on recruiting new members to help carry the message.

PI is also running smoothly. The Vice Chair acclimated to Chair. The TV PSA and the website (www.orlandona.org) are working well for our Area. The 2 radio PSA's are in the process of being updated and streamlined for air-time. The design of the placards for the Lynx buses is almost complete, and the placement of the 10 placards has been finalized to include bus routes in the Kissimmee and Sanford areas as well as central Orlando. PI is currently recruiting young members from the Fellowship to participate at a presentation to a facility for 5th to 8th graders. Any recruits from outside the Orlando Area will be greatly appreciated.

Other News:

SWOI's Learning Day was a great success!

Upcoming Events:

- August 2, 2003 - Summer Picnic at Moss Park
- August 16, 2003 - Sunday Skool's annual picnic and meeting, boating (not motor), no swimming
- Sept 27, 2003 – Eatonville's annual fish fry

In Loving Service,
Brenda C, RCM II

RCM REPORT
RECOVERY COAST
July 20, 2003

Recovery is alive and well in the Recovery Coast.

Our H & I Sub-committee is holding 2 meetings per week in 2 different facilities. They are currently working on reinstating the men's jail meeting, which had temporarily closed due to lack of willing participants. The meeting at CRC detox facility is also getting back underway. They had changed their clean time requirement to 1 year which ruled out the current volunteers, who were just short of a year. Now that they meet the requirement, the meetings will be starting up again. Our Committee has voted to adopt and use World guidelines as policy, however, the clean time issue came up because one of the participating members had relapsed (over a year ago) and the Administration of CRC was told about it. The matter has since been rectified.

A motion was made at the last ASC to merge the PI Sub-committee with the Phonline Sub-Committee. The reason being is that there is a definite lack of willing participants for PI, which has basically been a committee of one for the last 2 years. This motion was sent back to groups.

Our Area held elections and some, though not all, positions have been filled. Susan W., has stepped up from RCM2 to RCM. Nady T. is our new Phonline Chair. Steve D. has been re-elected as Activities Chair. Danyel is our new Secretary. Gary O. has been nominated for ASC Chair and Paul M. has been nominated for H & I Chair. Both will be filling their positions as volunteers until formally elected. We still have open positions, including ASC Vice Chair, Literature Distribution, Alt. Sec., Treasurer and Alt. Treasurer, Policy Chair and RCM2. Our current Treasurer, Brenda K., has agreed to hold the position on a monthly basis until a permanent treasurer can be elected.

In the last 2 months, our area has celebrated many 1 year anniversaries of recovery. All are involved in some form of service. It works.

We passed motion to change our fund flow as follows: \$500 for literature, \$400 cash reserve and \$200 for activities. Whatever is left at the end of ASC business will, of course, be turned over to the RSC. On that note, we have a donation of \$277.92.

Thank you for letting me serve.
Susan W., RCM
Recovery Coast

The South Atlantic Area RCM Report
To the Florida Region
July 20, 2003

Greetings from the South Atlantic Area of Narcotics Anonymous.

We held our annual Area Inventory at the last ASC. The inventory took almost an hour but was very productive yielding lots of food for thought. Our annual election will be held next month.

We had one Group, Unity In Recovery; join our area bringing our number up to 11. This number will probably go back to 10 as one Group, Hope Without Dope, has been having trouble sustaining enough members to cover a hefty room rental. This Group had recently moved and moving again is apparently not an option. More will be revealed.

We are still exploring options to give our Groups access to liability insurance. More and more churches are requiring some type of "proof of insurance" for our Groups so we are looking at affordable options for the area to pursue to satisfy this requirement.

We have had extensive discussions since the last ASC on the following issues related to the RSC:

- Our incoming Chairperson will live in North Carolina. It was felt that South Florida, across the border in Georgia or even in Pensacola was one thing but that commuting from North Carolina was an eyebrow raiser.
- Management and operations at the RSO. We are concerned with the current state of affairs. Our discussions lead us to believe that resolution should include a staff change for the Special Worker position and the recall or resignation of at least two Board members, Janet H. and Biff K.
- Financial responsibility or lack of it when the RSC believes funding 15 people to go to North Carolina for a Zonal Forum whose topic is a subject we had a poorly supported ad hoc committee addressing for the last year. We are perplexed as to how funding of these adventure was classified as an "emergency" and that a poll was conducted by not the RSC Chairperson but rather the RSC Vice Chairperson. Last note is that our RCM raised the point that no vote authorizing this travel was brought to Admin just after the close of business at the last RSC before everyone had left the RSC.
- These issues have us questioning our choice of Regional affiliation. The Presiding Officer argued in his Con on our motion to propose reuniting South Florida and Florida, the two Regions are more philosophically aligned in terms of World Service issues and should be kept as two Regions so we could have two votes at the World Service Conference. We find that argument to be bereft of Principle.

We are amazed anyone would make that argument on the floor of an RSC, especially the presiding officer. If that sentiment IS embraced by the Florida Region it would seem that our desire to open a dialog on reunification is going nowhere. To be blunt we regularly are criticized for being a member of the Florida Region. We decided to join because this body indicated a desire to embrace the 12 Concepts, to look at implementing the GTLSS and was open to the above-mentioned dialog. If we misunderstood these indications, the orientation has changed or these objectives are otherwise off the table, we need to evaluate whether continuing to “swim against the current” makes sense for us.

Three logistical points: 1) Our Area mailing address is noted on the footer of this report, and 2) Our ASC meetings are the second Tuesday of the month 7:00 PM, at **St. Maurice Church, 2851 Sterling Rd., Hollywood, Florida**. Our doors are always open and we would be happy to welcome any interested member. Come pay us a visit anytime you wish.

In Service and Fellowship,

Stuart S., RCM South Atlantic Area

Sub-Committee Reports, Boards, and Ad-hoc Committee's

Helpline: Good Morning RSC my name is Barbara, and I'm an addict. The Helpline Sub-Committee met on 7/19/03; we opened with the Serenity Prayer. Jim read the 12 traditions, Nady read the 12 concepts, and Barbara read the purpose of Helpline. There were 6 out of 16 areas present. Bay Area, First Coast, Heartland Facilitator, Palm Coast, Recovery Coast, and Tampa Funcoast. We welcomed First Coast. We answered 5940 calls for a 2-month period at a cost of \$1244.18, which averages out to \$.20 to carry the message to the addict who still suffers. We read area reports and were happy to hear Orlando found a solution and hope to here more about it at the September RSC. We discussed the different area service and being prudent with NA funds. Recovery Coast no longer has a 1-800 # and they reported that Citrus and Hernando Counties are up and running again. WE also discussed the different ways to gain support in the Sub-Committee. RCM's please encourage your area sub-committee chairs to attend the RSC. The Sub-Committee would like to nominate Barbara S as RSC Helpline Chair. PS: I was contacted by the South Florida Helpline Chair and she asked if the Florida Region was interested in a joint 1-800#. I would like some direction from the RSC on this request. ILS Barbara S.

H & I: see attached

Literature: see attached

Policy: We met yesterday at 4pm. All members were present with the Exception of the RCM's, Susan (Suncoast), Stuart (So Atlantic), Robert (Palm Coast), and Luis (Tampa). RCM Mary (First Coast) apparently resigned as a RCM. We discussed Motion's #41 and # 33. After much discussion it was decided that we needed more clarification and direction and we are asking that those motions be tabled pending clarification and direction, perhaps a position paper etc. We were presented with a motion from the History Ad-hoc asking for the FRSC to finance the publishing of the FI History Book. The motion was deemed not a policy motion and was returned to the maker to be presented in New Business today. Nominations: Brenda (RCM Orlando) volunteered to be RCM to policy. We had no nominations for Policy Chair, Policy Vice-Chair, and Secretary. Thank you for allowing me to serve. It has truly been an honor. ILS Kristi-Beth.

PI: see attached

Webpage: see attached

Boards:

FRC INC: The BOD convened on Saturday 7/19/03 with 7 of 8 members in attendance. One member was removed due to missing 2 consecutive board meetings. The 4 region-elect BOD positions ran there term and are open today. Gary resigned his 2-year "even" BOD elect position to open it up to a potential future VP Jeff H. was elected to finish that term. Sandy M and John H were re-elected to the 2-year "odd" BOD elect. John was elected President by vote of acclimation. Sandy M will now present he numbers from FRCNA 22 and projected FRCNA 23. **SEE ATTACHED REPORT IN MINUTES.** FRCNA 23 is

off to a running start with 7 out of 10 Host Committee positions filled. We are seeking nominations for Host Vice-Chair, Marathon Chair, and Registration Chair. Anyone interested in one of these positions should attend the August Host Committee meeting and seek nomination there. (Sunday August 3, at 11am J.W. Marriott Grande Lakes in Orlando. Also we need a theme. The BOD cannot stress the importance of registering for FRCNA 23 now. Please register now and encourage everyone you know to do the same. There are 2 relevant topics for future FRCNA's. One is site –selection for future FRCNA 26 and 27(2007, 2008). This is a major goal for the coming business year. Second is, per direction from this body (FRSC), to pursue a unified convention with SFRSC. On this topic we resolved to invite the SFRSC interested and empowered representatives to Ft Pierce in September. The goal of this meeting will be to begin the hashing out of the practical aspects of holding a combined convention: i.e.: 1.) Combined board composition, 2.) Concept 5, 3.) Site selection, 4.) Money. We hope to have a progress report at the next RSC in this topic, hopefully with some concrete recommendations. In service, John H.

RSO: see attached

Ad-hoc's:

Ad-hoc Reunification: see attached report

FLORIDA REGIONAL P.I. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT



July 20, 2003

Hello Family,

Five P.I. sub-committee areas were present yesterday, Saturday, July 19, 2003. We started the sub-committee meeting with a moment of silent followed by the serenity prayer and the following readings: the Purpose, the Twelve Traditions and the Twelve concepts.

On June 6-8th Elvin and I attended the SEZF at Gastonia, N.C. all the Regions were represented. A SECAD update meeting was held. Meeting started at 6PM. Saturday

I informed everyone that Bob S. from NAWS will be providing the literature for SECAD. Jim G. from NC will put together the Web Site information card that will be 8x11 with all the regions information on it. And it will also include SZF web site information.

Greg C. from the Ga. Region is the contact person in Atlanta and coordinating the booth set-up and reservations.

I called Bob S. and to inquirer about registration, no information is out yet he expects to hear from SECAD sometime in September.

On July 19&20th the FRSC PI and the Tampafuncoast PI committee attended the Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association Women's Conference. Provided was a booth with NA literature. 23 PI Packets were given out and as well as several IP's from our literature. Many contacts were made. All went very well.

We will be Attending the Annual FADAA Conference that will be held in August. It will be at the Haytt Orlando in Kissimmee FL.

Elvin S. was elected V Chair of FRSC and we desperately need a secretary.
Roberto M was nominated to serve as FRSC PI Chair.

ILS Roberto

Web Page Subcommittee Report July 20, 2003

Good Morning RSC,

First, I would like to apologize to the Region for the delays this month in posting all of the reports from May. This has been a learning process for me that will be much improved this month. At this time, the following reports have been posted from May 2003:

- FRSCNA minutes from May, 2003, including all attached RCM and subcommittee reports.
- RD report
- RSO report
- FRC report

The remaining subcommittee reports, which are posted within the FRSC minutes, will be separately posted by the end of this week.

The Web Page Subcommittee met yesterday with six persons present. The following is a list of current tasks that we are working on:

1. Regional Meeting List

We will continue with the current procedure, but will continue to grow towards assuring the accuracy of the database at www.na.org. Eventually the FRSCNA web site will link to the meeting list on www.na.org when its accuracy is assured.

2. Site Upgrade

We are currently working to improve the navigation and usability of the site so that it is user friendly and easy to find things. While no work was done on this during the last two months, it is something that we will be working on for the remainder of this year.

3. We will be pursuing a course of action to generate interest and support for this subcommittee. Look for flyers next month.

Additionally, the subcommittee voted to nominate Dave L. for the position of Web Page Chair.

In Gratitude and Service,

Dave L.

July 20, 2003 RSO Report

We met at 11:00 am on July 19th. Present were: Biff K., Augie G., Janet H., C.J. A., Richard S., Hilary R. (as an impartial observer), and other interested parties.

No one shared during open forum, and with the consent of the BOD the Agenda was suspended to allow Frieda T. to address the BOD. We regretfully accepted her resignation and two week notice, and the entire BOD wished her well and success in her exciting new endeavors. Thank you Frieda for all that you have done!

When then accepted the corrected Secretary's report as well as reports from the Office Manager, the Vice President and the President. Our Treasurer, Brenda L., had to work and could not be there, and therefore all that was available to us were a balance Sheet and P & L Statements

We discussed many options for relieving the past BOD President from the burden of having Big Foot, our shopping cart vendor, charged to his credit card. It seems that up to now they have been charging his card monthly and we have been reimbursing him. They will not accept up front payment nor payment by check, and we are unwilling to have an ATM or credit card in the office name. Hilary and subsequently David L. (Web Page Chair) acknowledged some expertise in online shopping and shopping carts they will work with CJ to try to implement our first solution, getting software that gives us our own shopping cart without monthly fees. If that doesn't work then we are looking at opening a separate account with a \$300 balance and an ATM, or the possibility of a prepaid credit card.

We discussed the Palm Coast convention and their request to sell at their convention. As is our policy, since there is no BOD member in the area we are sending a letter offering Palm Coast them the opportunity to sell RSO merchandise at their convention with the merchandise being supplied to them on a contingency basis and at a discount.

We then held elections and the following were elected unanimously: Richard S—2 yrs., Janet H—2 yrs., Biff K., 1—yr. As of today there are 5 RSC elect positions available. Note there were two

RSC BOD members elected on 7/20 CJ A., from Fun Coast and Marc B., from Daytona and as per guidelines the 3 remaining positions may not be from the FunCoast or Orlando areas as there are already two BOD members from this area. The other areas which have one member are Daytona and Heartland so that only one of the three can come from each of those areas.

We then discussed priorities and agreed that, since literature is our #1 responsibility, we would do whatever was necessary to insure that the literature distribution would be uninterrupted.

We then went into closed session and began to discuss emergency management strategies, as well as to clear the air and review what we had learned. Since we have been unable to receive a new lease from the landlord, and the necessary repairs, (i.e. leaking a/c cooling system, ceiling falling in, and rats are back) are not being addressed. We were and are exploring all alternatives.

With the sudden resignation of our special worker, different needs now must be filled and different options are being considered. That being the case we have begun to look at several options. We have found it necessary to rent storage space as we are outgrowing our present location.

Things are very different today than they were Friday and we are determined as a unified board and to a member to pick up and move forward.

We have already received two applications for the special worker position and will attempt to have both applicants interviewed by the end of the week. We are considering many options regarding the location of the office. We have reviewed some of those and will look into them in greater detail this week.

Since we are unable to contact the landlord regarding the lease and the necessary repairs, the feeling of the Office manager, who has been handling the negotiations, is that he is in no hurry to renew our lease. It would be irresponsible of us to assume everything is OK since our lease runs out in 5 weeks. We eliminated other options to accommodate our special worker. Since her resignation these other options are being re-examined.

We are strongly considering relocating the office to Central Florida. The following considerations are factored into our deliberations:

1. No BOD members are located south of the I-4 corridor. As you recall we have solicited BOD members from the southern end of the Region for over a year with no results.
2. Expense of real estate in South Florida as compared to Central Florida.
3. Availability of volunteers with service experience and willingness
4. Need for proximity of BOD members to aid and facilitate the transition.

All things considered we do not wish to act in haste, but may not have more than 4 or 5 weeks to decide on a location. We therefore ask for a vote of confidence to do what we find necessary to continue to provide all services to our fellowship, including but not limited to hiring a special worker and securing a location for the office.

CJ has agreed to act as treasurer until September when the BOD will hold its elections.

The entire BOD has committed to doing whatever is necessary to facilitate this transition without interrupting services.

We have ordered all available Commemorative Basic Texts from WSO. We were able to obtain 268 (12 less than 10 cases). When we break that down by areas we service with literature this equates to about 8 per area. The price is \$27 including taxes and shipping, and will be sold on a first come basis. As per the RD report and notification from the WSO the anticipated 5% literature increase due in January 2004 will not go into effect. We are sure we will be notified well in advance when this increase will go into effect.

Many thanks to Brenda L. for her two years of service.

We wish to thank the region for the opportunity to meet these new challenges and are excited about the future.

ILS
RSO BOD