

11/20/88

## Riverfront Area Services Report

Meeting opened at 7:40 PM with the Serenity Prayer & 12 Traditions.

Minutes were accepted as read.

### Roll Call

For Addicts Only - Greg  
One Step Closer - Mark  
New Alternatives - Bob  
We Do Recover - Ken  
Serious Recovery - Barry  
Surrender to Win - Jeff

One Solution - Kevin  
NoANDA - John  
Living the Program - Mac  
Our Common Welfare - Angie  
Getting it Together - Lawrence

### Group Reports

For Addicts Only meets at Longshore & Hegerman Sts., Tuesday nights at 8:00. Attendance is good and we're maintaining an atmosphere of recovery. Group conscience is the last Monday of the month at 7:00 PM.

One Step Closer - 13070 Trevoise Road & Bustleton Ave. has adopted (as it's format): 1st wk - Step 1; 2nd wk - Tradition 1; 3rd wk - Speaker on sponsorship; 4th wk - Speaker discussion. Group conscience meeting is the first Sunday of the month at 1:00 PM. Business meeting is the third Friday after the meeting every month. Meeting starts at 8:15 Friday nights. Meeting needs support and home group members. Meeting is carrying a clear, NA message.

New Alternatives meets every Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday at Midnight. Attendance is fair. We need officers.

We Do Recover meets Sunday at 1:30 PM at Longshore & Hegerman Sts. Doing well - good group conscience support. Our group conscience meeting is the second Sunday after Area Services; Business meetings are the third Sunday. Could use support.

Serious Recovery meets at Loretto & Napfle, Wednesday nights at 8:00. Meetings doing well. Good attendance and a lot of newcomers. A clear, NA message is being carried. The group is in need of an alternate GSR. Suggested clean time is 6 months.

Surrender to Win meets Saturdays at 8:00 PM at John McCullough Hall at Robbins & Torresdale Aves. Meeting has been changed to 1½ hours (8:00-9:30) instead of the old 2-hour format. We are in need of a General Chairperson. Requirements are 1 year clean and attendance at 2 consecutive group service meetings to show commitment. Our group conscience meeting is the second Saturday of the month at 7:00 PM. Our business meeting is the third Saturday of the month at 7:00 PM. A clear, NA message of recovery is being carried. Many newcomers in attendance, and group support is growing.

Living the Program group is carrying the message of recovery. Presently we are discussing the possibility of a new location due to the fact that we are experiencing problems with the facility we are at now. Attendance is down due to the constant changing in our meeting day for Thursday to Friday and back to Thursday. Group conscience is 1st Weds. of the month; business mtg. last Thurs of the month.

Our Common Welfare meets at Mt. Sinai Hospital at 4th & Reed Sts., Saturday at 2:00. The message is being carried. The group needs support. Business meeting is the first Saturday of the month after the meeting. Group conscience is the third Saturday after the meeting.

Getting it Together meets 1:00 on Wednesday at 708 Girard Ave. Has step meeting the second Wednesday of the month. The message is being carried. Business meeting is the third Wednesday of the month following the regular meeting. Group needs officers.

(One Solution & NoANDA Groups did not submit written reports)

### Sub-Committee Reports

Helpline - The region is starting a hotline. Projected starting time is set for January 1, 1989. They are asking each area for at least 25 volunteers to man the phones on three-hour shifts. The phone will be located at the Regional Service Office, 6174 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia, PA.

| <u>COST</u>      | <u>PER MO.</u> | <u>ONE-TIME CHARGE</u> |
|------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Common equipment | \$ 25.00       | \$ 300.00              |
| Three lines      | 16.00          | 135.00 (\$45 per line) |
| Minimum per line | 15.20          |                        |
| Maximum per line | 26.20          |                        |
| Transfer out     |                | 80.00                  |
| Initial visit    |                | <u>37.25</u>           |
| TOTAL:           | \$ 82.40       | \$ 552.25              |

(Installer - \$11.00 per 15 minutes)

Out-of-state calls cost .07 per minute; In-state calls - .07 per call. Value-pak cost \$126.00 per month. We receive 342 free calls in-state before being charged to any in-state calls.

There are no free calls for out-of-state.

The approximate cost for operating the hotline will be \$400.00 per month. The bottom line is that we will save 75% of the cost of seven area helplines. We will have to share responsibility in paying the bill, which hasn't been determined as of yet. Also manning the phones will be a shared responsibility.

Our next meeting is December 3, 1988

I spoke with Philadelphia Area helpline chairperson on the subject of referrals to our area. Chairperson said she has and she knows others who have referred to our area. Some of the people who haven't have recently dropped off serving the helpline. I'm asking for \$50.00 to support the helpline bill.

Public Information is still in dire need of support; there are only 2 of us. We still need a co-chair. People are willing to fill the commitments, but no one is willing to do the footwork to get the commitments. I have sent out information packets and I have not received responses as of yet.

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Program Committee met on 11/13. We're getting topics together; if anyone wants a certain topic, feel free to be at the program committee meeting. Please get speaker sheet back to the Program Rep. Convention Committee dances need support. The next Program Committee meeting will be 11/27/88 at 11:30 at PPC. WE NEED SUPPORT!!

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Unity Committee. Only three groups sent representatives to our meeting. They were: Our Common Welfare, One Solution and Surrender to Win. Group liaisons that weren't there were: NoANDA, Living the Program, For Addicts Only, New Alternatives, Getting it Together and We do Recover.

We have set a day for a Unity Day. Before we start we want to get more support from these other groups. If these other groups don't participate, then we will go with what we have. The next meeting is at 6:00 before the area meeting.

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H&I NEEDS SUPPORT!! There will be a workshop held by the Small Wonder Area of NA (SWANA) on 12/3/88, 10:00 AM - 11:00 PM at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Rt. 202, Fairfax, DE. The format is as follows:

Speakers & Workshops - 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Dinner - 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (Free to anyone who attends workshops)  
Dance - 7:00 - 11:00 PM (\$5.00 per person)

For more information and directions, call Sean D. at 798-3192 or John G. at 658-3186.

The next H&I Meeting will be at 7:30 PM, Thursday, December 8 at 2639 Ann Street. (Between Edgemont & Thompson in Port Richmond) This is a residence.

Meetings to go back to groups are:

John F. Kennedy Hospital, Friday & Sunday nights at 7:00  
D.R.C. Sunday at 7:00  
Billy Miller's Halfway House, Thursday at 8:00.

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ASR Report. This month's meeting was held at our First Regional Weekend Conference. It was a great success. Sub-committee involvement was excellent. The dinner and dance were lots of fun. The next one will be held January 8&9 at the Brandywine Motel & Resort in Greater Downingtown. Please feel free to attend. Tickets for the dinner can be purchased through your ASR. We are having a Regional New Year's Party. Please be there or be square! Our RSO opened an office, finally, at 6182 Ridge Avenue, 2nd floor. Our hotline will operate out of this office. It will be a 1-800 number. We have three motions to vote on. We also need a new alternate ASR.

\*\*\* THE RIVERFRONT AREA'S SUB-COMMITTEES ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF SUPPORT. PLEASE URGES YOUR HOME GROUPS TO GET INVOLVED! THIS IS YOUR AREA AND YOUR FELLOWSHIP! WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!! \*\*\*

Old Business

M/S/P - In accordance with the already existing policy in the Riverfront Area pertaining to special interest groups, the We Do Recover Group of NA would like to make a motion that the same policy be adopted by our Region.

Intent: To adhere to our third, fourth and twelfth traditions, which state anonymity, a desire and autonomy. Our membership is based on desire, and we need memberships in order to have groups, and we cannot have autonomy without groups and groups without memberships, so that any addict seeking recovery should not die.

The motion from the Policy committee regarding the area format will be voted on this month due to lack of information.

Treasurers Report (not submitted)

New Business

It was noted that an ASR Alternate is needed and will be voted on next month.

Motion: That the Riverfront area on the meeting list include (Phila.)

Intent: So newcomers will realize that the Riverfront area is a geographic part of Philadelphia.

Motion: That area minutes contain time and place of all sub-committee meetings in their reports.

Motion: That in order to maintain a true group conscience, only group representatives to H&I area sub-committees be voting members. ✓

Intent: Direct accountability to the groups.

Motion: That For Addicts Only would like a detailed report on how H&I sub-committee is serving the Riverfront Area groups. ✓

Motion: That the Greater Philadelphia Regional Convention not have special interest groups at our convention. This is to be regional policy.

Intent: To fall in line with our first, third and fifth traditions.

Motion: The Riverfront Area have a conference in the middle of the summer.

Intent: The intent would be twofold:

- 1) We would be able to share and get experiences from around the east coast for our membership in the Riverfront area and for our sub-committees.
- 2) It will be the area's one year anniversary; we would celebrate this.

Motion: That all H&I commitments that groups have in the Riverfront area be turned over to the H&I committee.

Intent: To fall in line with the H&I handbook and the rest of NA.

Motion: Gains incurred through literature sales should be used to offset the cost of operating the office.

Intent: The office be fully self-supporting through the sale of literature at the office.

Motion: To have the Convention Committee change their policy of allowing members to take the place of the seven members on the Program Committee.

Intent: To keep the convention's Program Committee based on area conscience and not individual interests.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Regional H&I meeting - 2627 Edgemont Street, December 10, 2:00 PM  
Call 426-7074 for directions and more information.

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\*\*\*\* ALL AREA SUB-COMMITTEES DESPERATELY NEED SUPPORT. THEY ARE JUST FLOUNDERING \*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\* IN THE WATER. THEY NEED YOU! PLEASE HELP. PEOPLES LIVES DEPEND ON IT. \*\*\*\*

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