

Central Mass Area Hospitals and Institutions Subcommittee Meeting

July 21st, 2024 6:00pm

44 Temple Street Worcester

[Zoom: ID: 98215126502 Passcode: NA1953](#)

Orientation for new members using the orientation packet and NA virtual outreach video: <https://youtu.be/izqiNI81qeM> a half hour before the regularly held meeting (5:30pm).

Meeting opened with a moment of silence, the unity version of the serenity prayer, and collective reading of; the [12 Traditions of NA](#), the [12 Concepts for NA service](#) and, [A Vision for NA Service](#).

Six (6) addicts were in attendance. 4 in person and 2 online

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[Minutes for June](#) were accepted.

Executive Reports

Chairperson (John D. 6/2023): Attended the Webinar (notes are in the VC report). Will contact The Haven this month. Discussion from the Webinar will lead to regional H&I and area H&I virtual commitments as they have been effective, especially where there is a lack of in-person participation.

ILS,

John D.

Vice-Chairperson (Patti M. 07/2024): Main topic of discussion-institutional participation in Unity Day Shout Out Goals- inspire incarcerated people and create connections with NA World. This is best explained in the attached letter and requires PR's attention

If a DOC facility chooses to be a part of this, all information is to be forwarded to Bob Shott. Some facilities will be chosen to participate in a live zoom "shout out". It was mentioned to me that our area has never participated in this. Also suggested. working with Framingham Women's to check possible interest. It is also possible for a zoom to be set up for staff to learn what NA is all about.

Other discussion:

H&I Basics may start to include zoom commitment information

Some areas are reaching as many as 8 H&I with one panel. Different facilities are able to hear the same panel.

Discussion about use of words Do's and Don'ts. Some members feel the language is off putting, others felt the information was too important to "sugar coat" No decision made. The minutes of this session will be sent to me in about a week, and I'm sure they will make much more sense ! I will forward when I receive them.

[NAWS Correctional Letter](#)

ILS

Patti M.

Secretary (Jonathan S., (thevirtualjonathan@gmail.com):

- Minutes and relevant attachments for H&I service were sent out, including the [multi-zonal videotools workgroup's H&I orientation video](#).
- Previous month's minutes were moved to the [Archive drive folder](#).
- Updates will be made to the [Open Commitment Calendar](#) as needed.
- Met early with the Assistant Secretary to continue training.

ILS,

Jonathan S.

Assistant Secretary (Jessica G.): Continuing to learn from the Secretary

Literature Coordinator (Ashley E. M.): Literature is available upon request, an order will be placed next month.

Hugs,

Ashley

Assistant Literature Coordinator (Sean B.): Will be working with the Lit Coordinator when the order is placed and has arrived.

IF YOU ARE A PANEL COORDINATOR, PLEASE CHECK THE CALENDAR TO MAKE SURE THAT IT REFLECTS THE CORRECT DAYS AND TIMES FOR COMMITMENTS.

Panel Coordinator Reports:

AdCare (Patti M.): 5 commitments, all are filled. Looking for more commitments, masks and vaccination cards are no longer required. No food or drinks should be brought into the commitment. Adcare would like additional commitments if anyone is interested, they'll work with your schedule. Adding Gina. Picking date now Hugs Not Drugs taking once a month day to be decided Notes: some difficulties with space for panel. Sometimes put in a kitchen where people are constantly in and out for snacks and coffee. Explained as renovations happenings can't always find a place for us. They continue to praise H&I as the "hope filled " people. Pick a night any night but all commitments are held 7p-8p.
Outside food and drink are prohibited.

CHL Detox(Sean B.): commitments are on hold, will check back this month.

CHL MYR (Sean B.): The facility contact has changed and will be reaching out to a new facility contact this month.

CHL TSS (Sean B.): commitments are on hold, will check back this month.

Naukeag (Marissa R.): 2 (two) commitments, 4th Monday open. Waiting to hear back about virtual commitments as the BOD of the facility needs to discuss the possibility.

RCA (Marci H.): 12 (twelve) commitments, all but the 4th Tuesday are filled.

Spectrum Detox (Penny D.): 1 (one) commitment filled. Requesting more commitments if possible.

Spectrum Faris (Penny D.): 2 (two) commitments, both filled. Requesting more commitments if possible.

Spectrum NERC (Penny D.): 4 (four) commitments, all are filled. Requesting more commitments if possible.

Sunrise Detox (Frank D.): 4 (four) commitments with the 1st Sunday filled, the other Sundays open. There have been per diem commitments going in when the facility has asked and we have had the panels to fulfill the request.

The Haven New England (OPEN):

Veterans Inc. (Jenna J.): 10 (ten) commitments are all filled.

Washburn (Andy M.): 4 (four) commitments are currently filled, one at the detox twice a month 1st and 2nd Tuesday and 1 (one) weekly on Wednesdays, 1 (one) weekly on Wednesdays at CSS and one on the 2nd Sunday. The weekly Wednesday commitment is currently being covered for the time being with a permanent panel leader being sought.

Worcester County House of Corrections (Open): Closed until further notice.

Ongoing Discussions/Projects:

- To amend the clean date question on the google form to include "off MAT". Jonathan will contact the creator of the form to make the amendment. (asked CJ awaiting response)
- A member who is currently leading a panel alleged to be on MAT. There have been a few other members who have voiced concern but when asked about it, the panel leader has denied being on MAT. At this point the Panel Coordinator is unsure what to do. At this point in time the recommendation is to take the member's word as the truth. The panel leader has no call/no showed in the past but did make their commitment this past month. (update?) The member was a no call/no show twice since the incident and was subsequently removed from their position.
- Reach out to all H&I trusted servants to attend and introduce themselves at regularly scheduled H&I subcommittee meetings. (ongoing)
- Panel Coordinators will ask their respective facilities if they'd be open to holding virtual commitments. And make them aware of virtual commitments. (ongoing)
- Concepts Ad-Hoc (Ashley E. M.):
- Learning Day Ad-Hoc (Patti M): Will meet with the Chair to prepare for the Learning Day at the campout.

- Service Slam Liaison (Jessica G.): Will remind the Events chair as well as attend the Events Subcommittee meeting.

Open Forum: (15 minutes):

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New Business: (including nominations and panel leaders):

Open Positions:

Panel Coordinator: The Haven

Panel Leader:

New Panel Leaders and Members: **REMINDER TO ALL PANEL LEADERS: PLEASE MAKE SURE TO GO OVER THE DOS AND DONTS WITH PANEL MEMBERS PRIOR TO YOUR COMMITMENT.**

Meeting closed with the addict circle, a moment of silence and the 3rd step prayer.

Next meeting is scheduled for August 18th, 6:00pm at 44 Temple Street (Saint John's Church) in the Rectory, with orientation held at 5:30pm. The meeting will also be available via [Zoom: ID: 98215126502 Passcode: NA1953](#)