

# Central Massachusetts Area of Narcotics Anonymous Meeting Minutes

July 1st, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Mailing Address: Central MA Area Service Committee  
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Next Meeting: August 5th, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.  
Hybrid Format  
Physical Location: Greendale People's Church  
25 Francis Street, Worcester, MA. 01606  
Zoom: Meeting ID: 982 1512 6502  
Passcode: NA1953

## Meeting Opened

The meeting opened at 6:30 p.m. with a moment of silence, followed by the "We" version of the serenity prayer, the 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts, and A Vision for NA Service.

## Announcements to Groups

GSRs are asked to please read all announcements at your group business meeting. If your group does not have a GSR, any trusted servant or group member can attend the Area meeting to bring concerns, changes, or announcements from the group and to bring information and Area news back to the group.

- Anyone new to Area should attend at 6:00PM for orientation
- Events:
  - July 6th 12pm-6pm \$10 Suggested Donation Xavier Building 44 Temple St, Worcester MA
  - July 20th Speaker Jam 4pm-6pm 437 Main St, Fitchburg MA, \$5 suggested donation
  - "Get It Together" group Halloween Speaker Jam (details TBD)
- New Meetings:
  - 241 Main St in Townsend New Group Saturdays @ 7pm
- New GSR(s):
  - "Straight Stepping" - Rudy A.
  - "Bringing the Hope" - Michael C.
  - "J.D.D." - Joanne R.
- Announcements:
  - The following is a link for groups to be able to vote on the new logo that will be located on the CMANA website <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HCP6LR6>
  - The following is a link to a new feature on the CMANA website that allows clean time calculation <https://centralmassna.org/cleantime-calculator/>
  - **AREA TRUSTED SERVANTS NEEDED**
    - Treasurer
    - Ast. Treasurer

- Ast. Secretary
- Alt. RCM
- Meetings in need of addict support:
  - “Not Alone” group, meets Sundays from 4:30pm-6pm at the Montachusett Recovery Club, 106 Carter St Leominster MA. Also on zoom, ID: 248 377 331 PW:NA2021
  - “Straight Stepping” group, meets Thursdays from 7pm-8:15pm at the Church on Seven Hills, 475 Burncoat St. Worcester MA
- Motions:
  - Create \$500 set aside for CMA to send two members to NESSNA 2025
    - Passed unanimously
- Motions that affect policy and will need to be brought back to groups:
  - None

## Attendance Report

Attached to these minutes.

## Area Trusted Servants and Subcommittee Reports

**Chairperson:** Dennis M.

The Administrative Subcommittee met on Monday June 24th. There were 4 addicts in attendance. We discussed policy, and some issues that seem to have been lost over the past year. We will discuss some of the things brought up in new business. We did not receive any mail last month.

**Vice Chair:** Craig R

- The next Administrative Subcommittee Meeting will be at 6:30 PM on Monday July 29  
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- The Administrative Subcommittee met on June 24th
- We reviewed the duties of the subcommittee  
and need further discussion on the financial audits, budgets and reports
- We discussed 8 issues/items from a review of the last 18 months Area Minutes Reports and have 4 open issues/items to follow-up on

**RCM:** Teri T.

All 11 areas were present at this past June’s Regional meeting. All NERNA positions are filled, with the exceptions of **Asst. Secretary, Asst. Treasure, Website, Finance Chair, Finance, and both positions of Finance Member at Large.**

During Area Reports, Boston Area mentioned they had a motion to disband their Area. NERNA Fellowship Development will see what they can do to assist this situation in the Boston Area. More Area Reports available in the full length Report.

CONVENTION committee of NERNA in long edition. Some discrepancies.

ALL UPCOMING REGIONAL EVENTS ARE ON THE NERNA WEBSITE

Financial reports were given. All areas are encouraged and suggested to please donate to NERNA. Financial report is in the long edition. All money motions passed. Motions for Policy changes were passed.

**The Next NERNA meeting will be held August 10th-11th. Different Subcommittees meet at different times, typically starting in the AM. Full body meeting to take place Sunday 11am-5pm.**

**ZOOM ID: 91603140581**

**Password: NA1953**

Thank you for allowing me to serve and to be a part of this life saving fellowship.

In loving service,  
Teri T

**Alternate RCM:** *Vacant*

**Secretary:** Lila H.

No report

**Asst. Secretary:** *Vacant*

**Campout Committee:** Evelyn F.

The Campout Committee met on June 30, 2024.

The Logo has been picked and the Registration price set.

We discussed the best way to circulate the Registration.

We are sending it to the website chair to post on the CMNA website. It will also be posted on the NERNA website.

I am asking the secretary to attach the flyer to the minutes so that the GSR's can print or post the registration flyer.

We discussed having H&I do a Learning Day at the Campout.

The next meeting will be on July 14<sup>th</sup> 2024 @ 6:30pm via Zoom.

The meeting ID is 607 769 6696. No Passcode.

We will be discussing Food and merchandise at the next meeting.

In Loving service

Campout Chair - Evelyn

**Hospitals & Institutions:** John D.

The last meeting was on May 19th with 7 addicts in attendance. We are in 14 facilities of which 12 are currently active. We have 9 open commitments and some facilities are requesting additional commitments they include. Spectrum, Sunrise and AdCare. The commitment sign up sheet is active. Rent is paid. Literature order has been ordered this month. I attended Region Cheryl G was elected VC and Will S was elected Secretary. More will be unveiled when I get the minutes. Patti has been elected as vice chair position. ILS,  
John D.

Links:

Draft of the Panel Member Survey:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScOtjC9w40bkpvakgovRYTyiG8RUt0M2DC2ZwpINnJEggRhQA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>

H&I Orientation video: <https://youtu.be/izgiNI81qeM>

Next Subcommittee Meeting:

July 21st, 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

**Events:** Courtney B.

Subcommittee for the events has met bi-weekly for the last 2 months. For the last two weeks we have met weekly. Everything is all set for the yearly barbecue. We took the seed money for events of \$500. Will give another update in August for the July BBQ.

In loving service,

Courtney

**Outreach Committee:** Richy O.

No report

**Website/Media:** Jonathan S.

- A reminder that for any events that groups or subcommittees would like placed on the [NERNA calendar](#), you may submit the event form yourself or let us know and we will be glad to do so for you. You do not have to wait until the ASM to submit a flyer for an event/anniversary, or meeting changes, we can make updates as soon as we are made aware to ensure that those seeking recovery can find accurate information.
- Please email event information to [websitechair@centralmassna.org](mailto:websitechair@centralmassna.org) so it can be uploaded to our [area calendar](#).

- Logos for the contest will be tallied this month and the winner will be announced at the next ASC meeting.
- Will continue to ask for contacts for every group that is currently meeting to get email contact information for the BMLT. (this does not have to be a GSR).
- [ASC minutes and Attendance](#) were uploaded when they were emailed out.
- Updates to the calendar were made for the Events, the ad-hoc, website, the administrative subcommittee, and Public Relations subcommittees
- A clean time calculator plug-in was installed and will go up if the ASC approves.
- Discussion about possibly changing hosts and cost will be discussed at the next meeting.
- A webinar on August 3rd hosted by NAWS regarding meeting information will be attended by this subcommittee.
- The zoom team is still looking for members to train in using the equipment.
- Zoom team will be pricing computers capable of running zoom with a suggestion next month.
- There was an issue with our jetpack which will be troubleshot this month: **Total views: 1,644 and total visitors: 787**
- We continue to offer walk-thrus for any interested member, please contact [websitechair@centralmassna.org](mailto:websitechair@centralmassna.org) to schedule.
- [Full report can be found here](#)

Next Meeting will be held on July 14th at 6:00pm on the ASC Zoom:  
[Zoom: ID: 98215126502 Passcode: NA1953](#)

ILS,  
 Website subcommittee

**Policy:** Michelle B.

Policy is still being cleaned up with terminology and lining up paragraphs etc.

Thanks.  
 In loving service,  
 Michele B

**Public Relations:** Riss R.

Hello Area! Public Relations has been collaborating with Events and H&I and it seems like we are still in the talking stage of when the Service Slam will be taking place...more will be revealed shortly. Public Relations did come to a group conscience on 18 different schools throughout the Central MA area that we will be contacting, creating an excel sheet for the future, and seeing if they would like to collaborate with Narcotics Anonymous with either presentations in their schools, or with health fairs. The Chairperson has reached out to the addict who is going to be making the tablecloth and has no update as of yet. Also, the current vacant positions include Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.

ILS, Riss

The next CMA PR meeting will be on July 31st 2024 at 6:30pm over zoom

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**Inventory/Scan Ad Hoc:** Jonathan S.

The subcommittee met once and with the feedback given from the administrative subcommittee made some alterations to the draft form.

Next step will be to order the questions and finalize the form as well as create a ppt to be presented by Coralee at the August ASC meeting.

Next meeting will be July 14th at 1pm on the ASC zoom:

[Zoom: ID: 98215126502 Passcode: NA1953](https://zoom.us/j/98215126502?pwd=NA1953)

- Anyone interested may contact [adhocchair@centralmassna.org](mailto:adhocchair@centralmassna.org).

ILS,

CMANA Inventory Ad-Hoc

**Phone Line:** Anthony L.

Received 0 calls, but when checked the previous Phone Line operator had received 1 call that went unanswered. When the number was called back, there was no response. This indicates a potential issue of the phone number reassignment not having worked correctly, and will be followed up on.

**Treasurer:** Steven M. (Delivered by Vice Chair)

Prior Bal: \$503.08

Donations: \$471

Payed Out: Rent, storage, PR, H&I -\$175

Prudent: \$1900  
Events:\$0  
NESSSNA Set Aside: \$500  
**GROSS:** \$2699.08  
**AVAILABLE:** \$799.08

**Asst. Treasurer:** *Vacant*

## Old Business

- Digital means to donate to area still in the works
- Discussion around creating a Fellowship Development subcommittee at the area level. Conclusion was to reach out to region and ask for a presentation from Region Fellowship Development to be had at Service Slam
- Inventory/scan form to be finalized and presented at August ASC meeting
- Service Slam set to be moved to May 2025 Service Week
- Survey for new CMA website logo still open for answers from groups

## Group Concerns

- “Not Alone” group in need of support, to be included in announcements
- “Straight Stepping” group in need of support, to be included in announcements

## Open Forum opened @ 7:38pm

- Discussion around suggestion from Region for areas to create set aside to send area members to NESSSNA 2025. Group conscience spoke in favor of creating set aside. Conclusion was to gather more information as to the exact costs of attendance in order to create the most useful set aside. In the meantime, a motion will be proposed to create set aside equivalent to a rough estimate of the cost of two attendees.
- Discussion around Service Slam and how there seemed to be a misconception that Service Slam would occur at the Spur of the Moment Campout in place of the H&I service presentation. It was clarified that this was not true, and that H&I will still be doing their service presentation at the Campout. It was determined that the best time to have the Service Slam would be during Service Week in May of 2025.

## New Business:

- **OPEN POSITIONS:** Alt. RCM, Asst. Secretary, Treasurer, Asst. Treasurer
- Short summaries of subcommittee reports to be sent to the secretary to include in the minutes, and full reports to be in a separate attachment in the email that goes out with the minutes

- Discussion around having IDT workshops at the ASC meeting. Conclusion was that 3 options will be created around the best way to do a workshop, and will be presented at the August ASC meeting

Motions:

- (Previous motion brought back to groups) Revise the name from Administrative Subcommittee to Executive Subcommittee
  - **PASSED**
- (Previous motion brought back to groups) Create an Assistant Phone Line position
  - **PASSED**
- (New money motion) Create \$500 set aside for area attendees of NESSNA 2025
  - **PASSED**

ILS,  
Lila H.