

Central Mass Area Hospitals and Institutions Subcommittee Meeting

August 16th, 2026 6:00pm

44 Temple Street Rectory

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

Orientation for new members was held by Patti M. In the future, we will be using the [draft orientation](#) a half hour before the regularly held meeting (5:30pm).

Facilitator: Marcie H. (Vice-Chair)

Attendance/Introductions: 14 Addicts in 14 person/ 3 Online: Patti M. (Chair), Marcie H. (Vice-Chair), Jonathan S. (Secretary), Sean G. (Asst. Secretary), Rich G., Alison M.(virtual), Abby P., Tony C., Dan B., Mike H., Karr R. (Lit Asst.), Ashley S. (Lit), Corey B., Craig R., Jon A., Johanna D., Vikki B. (panel leader)

Meeting opened with a Moment of silence, Serenity prayer, 12 Traditions of NA, Twelve Concepts for NA Service, and a Vision for NA Service.

[Click here for Commitment Calendar](#)

[June minutes](#)

Executive Reports:

[Chairperson](#) (Patti M. 06/2025):

- Attended commitments for new Panel Leaders as needed
- Reaching out to PC to offer support
- Attended NAWS H&I webinar
- Attended NERSC

ILS,
Patti M.

[Vice-Chairperson](#) (Marcie H. 06/2025):

Attended the ASC meeting in place of the H&I Chair and delivered the report.

[Secretary](#) (Jonathan S.):

- Minutes and relevant attachments for H&I service were sent out, including the [Videotools workgroup's H&I orientation video](#).
- Previous month's minutes were moved to the [Archive drive folder](#).
- Updates will continue to be made to the [Open Commitment Calendar](#) as needed.
- Panel Coordinators, please send reports to: HnICMASC@gmail.com
- Continuing to mentor and train the assistant secretary.
- Invite link to Slack, please join the channel cma-hni
 - https://join.slack.com/t/nerscna/shared_invite/zt-46u8sk3pj-p5qJH7HjBHYSyhguODG3wA

With Gratitude,
Jonathan S.

[Assistant Secretary](#) (Sean G.):

- Always open and available if panels need a speaker, schedule permitting
- Helped with Commitment at Spectrum
- Helping with the Zoom and minutes.
- Started communication with Independence Hall for a possible location for Learning Day. They do not have enough staff for the weekend, but may be available during the week.

In loving service
Sean G.

[Literature Coordinator](#) (Ashley S.): Going well. 84 copies of ASC meeting directories were made for the cost of \$50. Panel Starter Kits have been created with group readings. Literature is available at this meeting, so Panel Coordinators, please take what you need. Assistant Lit Johanna is being nominated

Assistant Literature Coordinator (Karr R.): resigned; has moved to another Area. Johanna to be nominated.

Learning Day Ad-Hoc:

Will be meeting August 18th, 2026 online:

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 891 8596 0561 Passcode: CMANA2026

Living document found here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KwKSUVer_bbRW2mWNoxfmMeMNVi-1tnhqmkZDqsitAY/edit?usp=sharing

ILS,
Patti M

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 Hospital (Patti M.):

- 10 commitments, 0 open
- All commitments going well
- No changes to facility rules
- **Outside food and drink are prohibited.**

CHL Detox(Vacant):

CHL CSS (John D. 01/2026): 1 commitment filled. Requesting literature racks and commitments (4th CSS and 5th floors TSS). Detox is a lower priority, with CSS and TSS residents being prioritized.

Report given by Rich G. (Panel Leader)

CHL TSS (Vacant):

The Haven New England (Vacant Patti M. covering):

1 commitment, filled

Independence Hall (Open, being covered by Jenna J.): 9 (nine) commitments all filled.

Hello, All commitments at Independence Hall are filled. The facility no longer needs a commitment on the 2nd Monday of the month. There is a new contact person at the facility, please disregard all previous contact information. Please update the commitment calendar with the attached.

Thank you, Jenna

Recovery Centers of America (Marcie H.): 12 (twelve) commitments are filled. No changes. There was a single cancellation with notice.

Spectrum Detox (Penny D.):

No report

Spectrum Faris (Penny D.): Every Sunday, 3rd Tuesday, are filled and 1st Friday (afternoon) is open

Spectrum NERC/Giblin (Penny D.): 3rd Tuesday and 4th Monday are filled.

Spectrum Elms (Open): no report.

Evolve CSS (Open, covered by Chair): Open and welcome to commitments. MWBR

Washburn CSS (Vacant, covered by Allison M.): 2nd, 3rd, 4th Wednesdays Dave W. is the new facility contact.

Washburn Detox (Vacant covered by Allison M.): N/A

Washburn RSS (Vacant covered by Allison M.): N/A

Worcester County House of Corrections (Open):

Ongoing Discussions/Projects:

1. Discuss relevant attachments to minutes: proposed orientation presentation, DRT/MAT excerpt from PR handbook
2. Update from Literature Ad Hoc Chair Ashley S.
3. Replace the Trusted Servant information with PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR READINGS or FAVORITE EXCERPTS FROM THE READINGS!!
 - Suggestions:
 - Just For Today (full reading)
 - (suggested not to use due to treatment center terminology)
 - Who is an Addict? from the Basic Text not the reading.
 - As addicts whose use of any mood or mind-altering substance
 - Our Symbol
 - Tradition 3
 - "Our journey" section of Living Clean IP #9
 - Straw poll: "Our Symbol", Tradition 3, Just For Today
 - Discussion to change the order with the symbol between the text.

- Accepted proposed change
 - Decision: Tradition 3, Our Symbol, Just For Today.
 - To be revisited in 6 months.
4. Motion for group service material for NA Groups in Gardner DOC (per letter request from incarcerated addict via NERSC H&I:

A Guide To Local Service in N.A. \$8.70
 Institutional Group Guide \$5.29
 I.P. #18 Group Booklet \$1.15
 Group Business Meetings \$0.29
 Group Trusted Servants Roles and Responsibilities \$0.29
 Disruptive and Violent Behavior \$0.25
 NA Groups & Medication \$0.33
 Principles and Leadership in NA Service \$0.38
 "Behind the Walls" \$1.15
 Group Readings (Set of 7) \$5.75
 Subtotal: \$23.56
 Grand total: \$29.58

Follow-up: Inmate was contacted and will receive material.

Open Forum:

Discussion about the literature racks and who is responsible for filling them. A facility purchased additional literature racks and have been told that those racks we provide we are responsible for but if they purchase their own literature racks we are not responsible for filling them.

Discussion regarding literature for Washburn ATS being split with CSS as well as CHL CSS and TSS receiving literature and racks. This will be done by the Panel Coordinators and Panel Leaders.

New Business:

1. Replace the Trusted Servants section on the meeting directory with: Tradition 3, Our Symbol, Just For Today.
 - a. Amendment to revisit in 6 months (02/2027)
 - b. Passes unanimously
2. Literature Ad-Hoc meeting: September 10th 6:00pm

Open Positions:

Assistant Literature Coordinator: Johanna D. nominated, qualified, elected unanimously

Panel Coordinator:

CHL: Rich G nominated, qualified, elected unanimously

Independence Hall: Open

Harrington (Webster): Open (Dual Diagnosis Unit)

Evolve: OPEN

Orientation Facilitator for September: Marcie H.

New Panel Leaders: Abby P. nominated, qualified, elected unanimously

New Panel Members: Tony C.

REMINDER TO ALL PANEL LEADERS: PLEASE MAKE SURE TO GO OVER THE DOS AND DONTs WITH PANEL MEMBERS PRIOR TO YOUR COMMITMENT.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 20th, 2026 at 44 Temple Street (Saint John's Church) in the Rectory, with orientation held at 5:30pm. The meeting will also be available via [Meeting ID: 817 3597 1402 Passcode: CMANA2026](#)

Please join us on Slack:

https://join.slack.com/t/nerscna/shared_invite/zt-46u8sk3pj-p5qJH7HjBHYSyhg_uODG3wA