

Tejas Blue Bonnet Region of Narcotics Anonymous

Regional Meeting

February 10, 2007

The meeting was held in Orange Texas, where there was a lot of good food and the place was beautifully decorated for the Valentine's Dance that will be held later that evening.

Paul opened the meeting at 9:20am with the Serenity Prayer. The 12 traditions and the 12 concepts were also read.

Roll Call:

Facilitator: present	Co-facilitator:	RD: present	RDA: present
Treasurer: present	Recorder: absent	Policy: present	PI: present
H & I: present	Webguy: present	BVANA: present	CBANA: present
CTANA: present	CTCANA: dissolved	EANA: present	HASCONA: present
HCANA: present	NASCONA: present	SETANA: present	TTCANA: present

We need a co-facilitator for region.

Courage to Change has been dissolved. They have been removed from rotation.

Minutes for last quarter were sent out via e-mail. There were some of the Area's that did not receive them, so a list to update the e-mails went around the rooms.

The minutes were read and they were approved.

Facilitators report- Paul informed the group that we need we were in need of a Co-facilitator, stating that the one that was in place had called and resigned. He informed the group that the co-facilitator had moved to another region due to work and that he would not be able to serve on this committee. The group accepted the resignation.

RDA report- Jerry went Southern Zonal Forum. He informed the group that the Forum was looking bid for January of 2008. He stated that the next Southern Zonal Forum will be held in the Show Me State. He stated that he was asking for 19.00 more dollars for gas to region. He informed the group that the business part of the Form will be the CAR workshop and the topics. Steve asked Jerry to highlight anything that would be work looking at. Jerry stated the planning tool was good information and that the building better home group is also something that the areas should look into. (no report on hand)

RD report- Zean informed the committee that he a two page report and that he was not able to copy it for the group. He stated that he would make sure that the areas received it. He informed the committee that the WSO and WB had been very busy. He stated that the Board met with the Support Committee in San Antonio, and that he was able to go to lunch with the committee and received a tour of the of the Convention area. He stated that San Antonio is going to be one great big NA meeting. He stated that the Support

Committee has been doing a great job. He asked for the group to please look over the planning tool, there is some good information.

He informed the group that the Multi-Learning Day was cancelled. We were able to get out of the contract with the Red Roof Inn. Lack of participation, foot work was dropped and we were not able to get it done. We need to draft a letter to the Red Roof Inn, apologizing for canceling the contract. There was much discussion about this, but bottom line was, that it had been cancelled and may be in the future we can have another. He informed the group that the meet and greet that was set up for the WB, was excellent, the only compliant was that there was too many coffee drinkers. There were about 250 plus in attendance.

Workshops in Cameron Tx, flyers will be out soon. The information that will be discussed is the discussion topics.

Draft portions of the basic text stories, February 28th is the deadline. Update for Youth in Recovery is on the website. We can now get literature off the website. The financial report for WSO, and also the guide to local service, can be downloaded off the website. Bulletins are also available and very interesting to read. One of the bulletins discusses the liability insurance; there are areas and meetings being sued. We need to look and see if we need this type of insurance. There was a question from the group about whether or not the areas can umbrella from the region's liability. The answer was no.

Workshop's on how to chair a meeting. Public relations book out. Nothing is downloaded in Spanish. BVANA asked of there were any areas running the way the public relations book has suggested. Joe stated Northeast Washington. (report on CD for archives)

Zean read a report from the Support Committee; they informed the group that there has been two meetings and several conference calls. Please don't forget to pre-register and volunteer for the convention.

Treasurer's report- Kim discussed the issue of the audit. She informed the group that she had researched cost of the audit. She informed the group that there would be a cost of 3,000.00 to audit the books. She informed the group that she did not think that this was cost effective, and asked for some suggestions. CBANA stated that they audit with the past treasurer, the facilitator and one more member of the committee, usually a GSR. The group liked that idea, and Kim asked that the policy be changed from external to internal, and that they list the following to audit the TBRNA books; Facilitator, Treasurer, and a member of the committee. The other thing that she wanted to discuss with the group was the cost to file the taxes is 300.00 a piece. The 2005 and the 2006 need to be done, so this would be a cost of 600.00. She informed the group that she did not feel comfortable doing the taxes for the region due to the 501c3 status. The group agreed and decided to go with the 600.00 for the taxes. Kim will need a list of officers in 2006. The group also discussed the month that taxes should be filed by May RSC the taxes should be filed. Kim also asked to be on the Articles of Incorporation. She also discusses adding the Quick books to the laptop with the new account. She informed the group that after the

travel and operating, and convention prudent reserves are deducted the books balance out and our balance at this time is 12,882.34.

She also asked the group if the convention account was closed, and why (No documentation stating whether this was answered or not). (report submitted for archives)

There was a break taken at this time at 10:40am, and reconvened at 11:00a.

Webguy report- Tom informed the group that he will make time to go over the each area's changes. He stated that if the areas could e-mail him changes that this would be wonderful. He is asking for 35.06 for gas to region. He informed the group that we would be sending the group instructions on how to check your e-mails. He asked the group to look at Central Texas' website, stating that it was a content system. He stated that region was not set up on content for windows. If we would like something like this he would look into this. The other thing that was brought up during this report was this region was on a substance abuse website, we don't know how we got on there. We don't want to be on this site because it discusses how Na or 12 step programs don't work for individuals (?). Tom will look into this for the group, and see how we can get off of this site. (report submitted for archives)

Policy report- Bob discussed the changes to the policy that were made during last region. He added webservant, treasurer and archive chair. The new travel/ peridium were added to the policy also. At this time, Paul discussed the mission statement stating that he felt that this body needed one. He stated that he would like to see Bob in charge of this. Joey stated that he liked the idea, but that he would like to see the entire body work on this, stating that everyone needed to have input on this. Paul stated that he would like all the RCM's to find mission statements and bring them back to the next region and to share. (report submitted for archives)

Some the other things that were discussed was updating the NAWS, James stated that it was each areas responsibility to update the contact person to update is steve@californiasteve.com .

Archive report- Mary stated that she will be getting a subcommittee to help with the archives. She did state that the archives will not be leaving her home. She questioned the wording in the policy in reference to the equipment needed and the quality of information that is being downloaded. (no report on hand)

This ended all the executive committee reports.

Zean wanted to inform the committee that we needed to be selective with whom we elect in positions. He stated that it was the groups' responsibility to question the persons that are up for these positions. We need to discuss reports, and that this region needed to do an inventory.

Group broke for lunch at 12:00pm. Group reconvened at 1:10pm.

Paul made some announcements; he stated that he would like to thank the area for the great hospitality. He stated that there were beds available for anyone that wanted to stay another night. He thanked the activity committee for doing a great job. He also stated that there were break out rooms for the H & I and the PI committees.

Paul at this time asked for a special moment of silence for Steve D.

The subcommittees went to their break out sessions.

Area reports:

BVANA-

- They have a new H & I chair
- Good bye to Tommy R. They have a new activities chair
- 10 groups and 28 meetings

CBANA-

- 22 active groups 39 meetings a week
- 5 H7 I panels/ 14 meetings a week
- Withdraw bid or TBRCNA 8
- Bid for SZF
- Recovery by the Sea, theme: back to basics

Central Texas- (Disbanded??)

- 40 meetings 47 groups meeting any time of day
- Basic Text review and input done individually
- Area disbanded
- Needs to do area inventory
- Did workshop and will be doing another
- Donated money to region and world

Esperanza-

- 160 meetings
- 6 new groups due to disbanding of CTCA
- Provided unity
- Successful meet and great
- Register for World
- 250.00

Hill Country

- 6 groups 18 meetings
- New chair and new activity chair
- Fred new RCM II

- Literature bank
- Area inventory not done yet
- Phone line and PI together
- Proposal to not fund SZF (moved to new business)
- How can this body spark some new interest in service in their area?

Houston Area

- 27 active groups and 112 meeting per day
- Rosenberg meeting closed
- Elections in January new officers
- Want to host TBRCNA 8
- Area inventory done 28 members in attendance

Northside

- 9 groups 42 meetings a week
- Rebuilding
- New PI and H & I here today
- Getting ready for the annual “Fellowship by the Lake”
- Having problems with finances and current treasurer, will be resolved soon

Texas Tri County

- Reviewed and submitted basic text stories
- Finally has a committee at area
- 13 groups
- Asking for Jerry’s presence at the meetings

South East Texas-

- 52 meetings a week 4 groups
- Had a unity dance
- 4 H & I institution meetings
- Want to know how to get a meeting started in Beaumont

Group took a break at 2:20pm, and returned at 2:35pm

H & I report-

- Adopt an inmate will be getting some money.
- Read over the area H & I reports
(report submitted for archives)

PI report-

- Gave a floppy of the contingency plan
- Asking for 105.48 for expenses
- 9 areas all have PI stuff running
- Will be starting a regional data base
- PI regional learning day for new public relations handbook

- Addressed some of the concerns of the other areas
- Make sure that every area has a contingency plan

New Business

Convention- region accepted HASCONA bid for TBRCNA8

Due to time constraints we will have an e-mail election for the chair of convention. The resumes will be sent to Tom and there will be a vote via e-mail. They will have 2 weeks to send the resumes. HASCONA will get a list of questions to ask the candidates, and the timeline is as follows:

- March 4th e-mail to Tom
- March 11th have vote in by this date
- March 12th we will know who the chair is

The RCM's and executive committee all get one vote.

Southern Zonal Forum- region accepted CBANA bid for the Southern Zonal Forum to be in January of 2008. Information was given to the RCM's to give to the chair of this committee.

Hill country's proposal- not to fund the RD and RDA to conserve funds due to no TBRCNA in 2007

- Do we need the convention to money to function
- There was a discussion on how important this was at last region
- This communication is good for our region
- Assists with regional and area issues
- Good learning tool

Proposal was blocked by the 11th concept, 7th tradition, and the 9th tradition.

Co facilitator is needed, and Jimmy and Patrick were both nominated for this position and both declined nominations.

Things to remember:

- Co-treasurer is needed
- Co-facilitator is needed
- Research mission statements for next area

The support committee for the convention handed out material to read at every meeting for the convention and volunteers.

Meeting closed at 3:50pm.

Next meeting is in the Tri County Area

ILS,
Bea W.
CBANA RCM I