

**Western Mass Area of Narcotics Anonymous**

191 Montcalm Street, Chicopee MA 01020

April 6, 2026

The meeting opened with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer  
We read the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts.

**BEGINNING ATTENDANCE:** **19 groups;** A Change For the Better, A New Way, A New Way of Life, Attitude of Gratitude, Back To Basics, Indian Orchard New Beginnings, Miracles Do Happen, Pasos Y Tradiciones, Powerless Not Helpless, Recovery for Every Walk of Life, Saturday Night Live, Screaming Dogs In Recovery, Second Chance At Life, Sistahs Steppin, Steps to Freedom, Un Nueva Dia, Western Mass Mid-day, Wild Cats of NA, Write To Recover

**New Groups:** none

**EXECUTIVE/SUB-COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE:** Activities, ASO, Chair, Vice Chair, H&I, PR, Secretary, Alt. Secretary, Treasurer, Alt. Treasurer

**CHAIRPERSON/VICE-CHAIRPERSON REMARKS:** none

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Grow With Us will be celebrating an anniversary please see attachment. PR will be doing a poster drive in April please see attachment.

**ADDICTS CONCERNS (not verbatim):** an addict went to Miracles Do Happen and there was no one there. FD will be notified and will follow up.

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:** Stacy F. reminded this committee that in our policy we are to have a learning day every year. Article III Procedures, section 6 states: **All ASC Officers and Subcommittee Chairpersons are to organize and attend an annual Area Planning Tool. All subcommittee Chairs are to form an adhoc committee by 2/28 to organize and attend and Area Learning Day, which will occur no later than August 26.** It was left in Stacy's hands to contact the other subcommittee chairs to implement this policy.

**ELECTIONS:** none

**NOMINATIONS:** Tommy F. nominated **Chanel** for Convention Chair, seconded by Lisa.

Qualifications: My name is Chanel D. and I am an addict. I have 7 years clean (3/3/2019) and a sponsor who has a sponsor. I have working knowledge of the 12-12-12. I have prior experience with convention committees (Western MA, Berkshire, BACCNA, GRYRCNA, etc.). I have extensive leadership and organizational skills and I have the willingness.

Chanel nominated **Tommy F.** for Vice Chair of Convention, seconded by Elizabeth.

Qualifications: My name is Tommy F., I have 21 years clean and I have a sponsor who has a sponsor who has a sponsor - and we all belong to one fellowship, Narcotics Anonymous. I have previous experience as the last vice chair of the canceled 2026 convention and have extensive experience in various levels of service and activities. I am willing and able to serve and humbly look forward to being of service to the area and the convention of 2027.

Lisa C. nominated **Elizabeth** for Convention Treasurer, seconded by Chanel.

Qualifications: My name is Elizabeth S., and I am a grateful recovering addict with 28 years in recovery. I have been an active member of NA throughout my journey. I have served as a treasurer at the group level and

understand the responsibilities that come with the role. I have a sponsor who also has a sponsor, and I am committed to maintaining strong recovery principles.

I am experienced in managing a checkbook and handling financial responsibilities with accuracy and care. I am willing to serve as treasurer and bring honesty, responsibility and dedication to the position

Elizabeth nominated **Lisa C.** for Convention Secretary, seconded by Stacy.

Qualifications: I've been in recovery for 35 years. And I have a sponsor that has a sponsor. I have the working knowledge of the 12 and 12 and practice these principles as much as possible. I am extremely organized, and I'm able to understand and write in the English language. Most important. I have the willingness to be a part of the success of our upcoming convention.

**Open positions:** Policy chair (2 yrs), Literature chair (2 yrs), RCM (3yrs), Alternate RCM (3yrs), BOR at large(5yrs)

**RCM Report.** No report

### **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Activities-** Mike S. reports that he set up two meetings on google and had no participants.

**ASO-** April 2026 ASO Report

ASO is open from 5:45 - 7:00 pm.

Large book orders for groups should be placed the month before to ensure we can fill the order and not take from other groups.

We have a specialty order form for anyone that is interested with specialty books, medallions and lots of other items we don't keep at the Area.

ASO Sales \$558.83

Tax \$34.94

Specialty \$0

Total Cash \$593.77

Fellowship Development \$0

H&I \$298.95

PR \$106.40

Max Reorder minus sales tax \$964.18

NAWS Reorder \$895.00

Please try to get there earlier so we don't have to rush to get the orders together. Thank you.

Our Committee could use some help. We are open from 5:45 PM - 7:00 PM just before the ASC meets. We need members to help pull orders for the Groups.

ILS,

Pete C.

**BOR-** no report

**Convention-** No committee at this time

**Fellowship Development:** Working on getting contact info for Thursday night Westfield meeting -We Have a Choice. Next FD meeting on 4/19/26

## **H&I- March 3, 2026**

Present: Jerry, Zoe, Steve, Ryan O, Lori C, Stacy, Ashley, Alex, Jeff J., Tommy, Shannyn, Ed

### **Opening**

- Moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer
- Reading of the 12 Traditions
- Officer/admin role call: Mark, Zoe, Jeff, Lori, Steve, Ed,
- *Chair report* - Steve will get the new H and I budget to Area
- New Members: n/a

### **Commitments**

Attendance and reports

1. Hope Center Tues: good. Sat morning, no complaints/ Alex, good.
2. Hope Center Thurs: Good
3. Mill Street Women's 1st Wanda, 2nd Patrice, Shannyn has taken the third Thursday, 4th Lori: Good
4. Boca Friday: Good
5. Boca: Wed: One was missed due to inclement weather - tried to contact BOCA but no answer.
6. Hampshire: Good
7. Stoneybrook:
8. Carlson: Good
9. BHN TSS Phoenix House: ?

Removals or concerns regarding attendance - NA

### **Literature**

- Literature Coordinator report - Lori

### **Orientation: Mark**

Mark oriented 1 new person in the last month.

### **Facility Coordinator**

- Facility Coordinator Report
- BOCA made a complaint about a Friday night. Jeff to investigate with the BOCA contact in person.
- Questions or concerns

### **Old Business**

- Open Items from last month (Secretary read last month's new business)
- We will announce the open position for a facilities coordinator. Requirements: 1-year clean, previous commitment holder.
- We need a new zoom account for H & I, not Jerry Hooten, paid for through the H&I budget, before the spring meeting list is published.
- Waitlist:
- Continue Speaker list
- Ad Hoc Committee to refresh H&I Policy, starting with Zoe, Ashley and any others to update with group attendance policy.

### **New Business**

- Tommy Challenged Commitment holder definition. Re: The committee's unanimous vote to remove the Monday night Indian Orchard after missing two meetings.
- Tommy states that our committee does not have authority to remove Indian orchard because commitment holder refers to individuals and not groups.
- Jeff J, Zoe, maintain that our policy states that our policy permits the action of the committee. Zoe argued that our policy does not even require a vote to remove the commitment holder.
- Jerry reminded the committee that we discussed this topic over a period of months and the removal was not a sudden decision.
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- Ad Hoc Committee to meet and update the policy on March 17, 2026 at a location and time TBD. Previously scheduled meeting in February, cancelled due to snow.
- SEE ATTACHED POLICY
- Facilities Coordinator: Tommy, voted in.
- Plan for future online meetings. Zoom or Google Meet. Steve to submit budget request.
- Correcting information on the website.

Open Commitments:

- Hampshire County Jail, 1st and 5th weekend
- Women's Jail in Chicopee, Sunday nights
- Waitlist, Franklin County Jail, Mill Street Men's and Hampden County Jail.

**Literature**- open position

**Policy** – position open

**Public Relations**- PR met on March 12 at 5:45. The meeting started at 5:45 p.m and opened with the Serenity Prayer and a reading of the 12 Concepts.

ATTENDANCE: Pete, Makenze, Sherri, Adam, Stacy, Joe M, Rhonda

PHONELINE REPORT: (Sonya F.): no report

WEBSERVANT REPORT: (Pete): Everything is up to date. Added a new folder in drive for passwords/login info for our website and NERNA's website.

QR CODE: (Stacy): 0 hits, 3 in Eastern MA

LITERATURE RACKS:

- Chicopee Police
- Holyoke Library
- Palmer Library
- Solider On
- Community Health Center of Franklin County
- Greenfield Courthouse
- Wells Street shelter
- Community Justice Support Center
- Tapestry in Westfield
- Springfield Mission
- Belchertown Cleanslate
- AISS
- Belchertown Library- B.O.A.T.
- Friends of the Homeless
- The Living Room

- Westfield TSS
- Chicopee Public Library

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Poster drive: asking homegroups to send at least 2 people to attend poster drives to assure that members are involved and posters are put up in the designated areas. Bring this to area with sign up sheets for homegroups. Poster drive: April 25 meeting at parking lot behind the 99; 1371 Liberty Street, Springfield at 12:45
- Discussed where to hang new posters.

#### TABLE EVENTS:

- April 29th - 3rd Annual Springfield Community Health Fair @ 3:00pm-6:00pm Springfield City Central Library State St. Springfield; Pete, Stacy
- May 16th - World Largest Pancake Breakfast @ 8:00am-11:00am; Adam, Rhon, Joe
- May 16th- Umbrella of Wellness Fair @ 12:30pm-4:00pm Chestnut Hill Community School, Chestnut Hill Recreation Area - 59 State St. Belchertown; Pete, Sherri, Cathy B
- August 10th- Chicopee National Night Out @ 5:00pm-9:00pm 21 Vivian Street, Chicopee MA; Makenze
- August 22nd- Set Free Recovery Addiction Program Drug Awareness Day @ 12:00pm-4:00pm Calvary Baptist Church 413 Main Street, Easthampton;

#### PRESENTATIONS:

- Springfield College March 5th 7:00-8:00
- Went really well, 8/9 students, asking questions, very receptive to us. We got a very nice email from the professor

We put our new meeting lists for Spring. They are green. Please throw away all old meetings lists as there were a lot of changes from the winter list.

We bartered 106.40 for literature.

We also spent \$44.08 on literature bins.

Our next PR subcommittee meeting will be on April 9th, at 5:45pm- at Saint Ann's Parish 30 College Street Chicopee, MA 01020

ILS,

Stacy F.

**Adhoc Committee**- none at this time.

**Treasurer's Report-** please see 2 attachments: report and budget.

**Ending Attendance- 12 groups-** A Change For the Better, A New Way, A New Way of Life, Attitude of Gratitude, Back To Basics, Indian Orchard New Beginnings, Recovery for Every Walk of Life, Saturday Night Live, Sistahs Steppin, Steps to Freedom, Wild Cats of NA, Write To Recover

IN Loving Service, Rhon S.