

Western Mass Area of Narcotics Anonymous

191 Montcalm Street, Chicopee MA 01020

September 14, 2026

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

BEGINNING ATTENDANCE: **18 groups;** A Change for the Better, A Fellowship for Living, A New Way of Life,

Back to Basics, Grow with Us, First Things First, Indian Orchard New Beginnings, Juntos Podemos, Miracles Do Happen, Noontime, Pasos Y Tradiciones, Powerless Not Helpless, Recovery for Every Walk of Life, Saturday Night Live, Screaming Dogs in Recovery, Steps to Freedom, Terminally Hip Fatally Cool, Western Mass Midday

New Groups: none

EXECUTIVE/SUB-COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE: Area Chair, Area Vice Chair, H&I, Fellowship Development, Public Relations, Secretary, Alt. Secretary, Treasurer, Alt. Treasurer, Convention Chair, Policy Chair

CHAIRPERSON/VICE-CHAIRPERSON REMARKS: Vice Chair spoke about his role and his responsibilities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Saturday Night Live meeting will not meet on October 3, 2026 due to a church function. Ashley stated that early bird registration for Convention is now available and there is a fundraiser coming up, please see attachments sent by Convention Chair.

ADDICTS CONCERNS (not verbatim): *Lynn* stated that there was a low turn out for Service Slam and was very disappointed. Also someone should be doing RCM position/responsibilities. *Pete* recommended that everyone attend next Service Slam because all positions will be open in December.

Tom encouraged people to get involved with Area.

Lisa V. asked what is the incentive(attraction) for individuals to participate in Area?

Rob J. stated that we should be solution seeking, for instance what are we as individual addicts doing to be involved and what are we sharing about at meetings?

Scott stated that he is not seeing very many newcomers at meetings.

Ashley stated that we as addicts should be mindful how we speak about Area or Service, do your best to not be negative.

Stacy asked that everyone announce flyers at every meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Motion 1 presented by Tom F. seconded by Tiffany B.

A temporary non policy changing request to have the convention committee mail sent to WMANA P.O. Box; as we would be sharing the P.O. Box, we would share the cost through the Convention in August 2027.

Intent: This will allow us to expedite getting early registration moving for the convention and prevent the convention committee from opening a permanent P.O. /box for a temporary need. If needed on an ongoing basis, a policy change will be required at that point, after August 2027. All in favor, passed.

Motion 2 presented by Steve S. seconded by Bob D

Area donates \$100 worth of white key tags to Hope Center.

Intent: to celebrate milestones in recovery for patients in facility. 2 in favor, 10 opposed, 3 abstaining did not pass.

ELECTIONS: none

NOMINATIONS: none

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

RCM Report. Position open

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities- position open

ASO- September 14th 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 \$391.61

Tax \$25.86

Specialty \$22.00

Total Cash \$439.47

Fellowship Development \$

H&I \$125.76

PR \$108.07

Max Reorder minus sales tax \$647.44

NAWS Reorder \$586.23

Please try to fill out your order sheets ahead of time to avoid delays.

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- Read by Tom F. Rob A had a question regarding the clean time requirement for Serenity Chair which is 2 years. Flyers are now available on the website and will be attached to this report.

Fellowship Development-chair not present.

H&I- report read by Steve at Area.

WESTERN MASS H&I SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA

September 1, 2026

Present: Zoe, Steve, Stacy, Jeff, Lori, Patrice, Jim, Pierre, Brooke, Ray P., Ryan O., Skip Additional: Truth came at the end to pick up his orientation list

Opening

- Moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer
- Reading of the 12 Traditions
- Officer/admin role call: Zoe, Steve, Lori, Jeff,

Chair Report:

1. Service Slam: H&I via Steve and Pattie put on a great presentation.
2. Several Commitments Opening up
3. New Facilities looking for commitments.
4. List printed for Truth. We need to update the list
5. New Formats needed for a few Commitments, Steve will print out.

Commitments

Attendance and reports

1. Hope Center Tues: 1st week (Alex, good) 3, No pain, No Gain, Good 2, 4, 5. Bryant reported that all is well.
2. Hope Center Thurs: Noontime going great according to Patrice.
3. Mill Street Womens: Wanda is the first, Patrice and Lori split the 2 and 4, Patrice did the 4th. 3rd week is open and orienting
4. Boca Friday: Jim: Good
5. Boca: Steps to Freedom: Monday: good. SEPTEMBER WILL BE LAST MONTH. *****
6. Hampshire Jail: Steve S. went, Pierre did last month but is done, Ray's last month until next year. Hampshire County Jail needs a format.
7. Stoneybrook: good!
8. Carlson Tues: good
9. Carlson Thurs: good.
10. BHN TSS Phoenix House: good... but need to verify commitment holders beyond Ryan O. and Jean.

Removals or concerns regarding attendance - All good

Literature

- No new literature because area is on Sept. 14.

Orientation: Truth

- Steve printed orientation list for Truth.

Facility Coordinator

- Stoneybrook has a new vetting process.
- Check in with Mill street about residents ability to leave to go to meetings.

See Below

Old Business

1. Patrice proposed purchasing keytags to give out at commitments, Hope Center, Mill Street. We would need to submit a money motion to area but there isn't much money.
 - a. How to chose which facilities get keytags,
 - b. how many to get,
 - c. which keytags to purchase
 - d. A better investment to buy books?
 - e. Keytags are one and done.
 - f. Do we have time to hand out keytags during

Patrice moves that H&I submit a money motion to purchase to keytags, \$100.00.

Five in favor

One against.

One abstain

2. Midday meeting (Truth) wants a carlson commitment on Tuesday. Who will do this month.
 - a. Midday meeting looking to be elected for the Carlson Tuesday night.
 - b. Unanimously voted in for 6 months.
3. Chicopee Women's. Two women need to go. Trish, Karr, Lori, Patrice, Lexi, need to be oriented, then we'll pick the day of the commitment next month. Zoe will email women about setting up another orientation at the jail.
4. Steve will check in with Tommy/Ezra about Screaming dogs specific commitments bc Bob and Rob arent going anymore...
5. Facilities coordinator, Karr Nominated by zoe. Seconded by Patrice. 16 months clean. Experience doing commitments, understands the qualifications. Unanimous
6. Retreat of Boston, Ludlow, CoEd. Detox clients cannot go to meetings, but longer term residents can go.
7. Second friday of the month at Hampshire COunty is open. Dan will let us know next meeting.

New Business.

1. Service Slam September 19. 2-7p.m.
2. Skip volunteered to take Mondays, weeks 1-5 at BOCA. Unanimously voted in.

Filling Commitments:

1. Open Commitments:
 - a. Hampshire County Jail: 2 weeks open. 2, 5. 1st week after October.
 - b. BHN Holyoke TSS Weeks 2,3,4,5

Waiting List

1. Franklin County Jail
2. Chicopee Jail
- 3.

Literature- open position

Policy – No report

Public Relations- We met in August on the 13th at 5:45.

7 people were in attendance.

PHONELINE REPORT: 3 calls; 1st call: 7/24 women called for her uncle, she got the # from a flyer in a hospital wanting to know where her uncle can get weekly drug tested. Could/would not suggest where to go for her situation, thanked her and wished her good luck. 2nd call: guy that always calls (that is blocked) talked about his car. 3rd call- Carl C Berkshire County NA called about getting an NA meeting at a facility that may or may not be recognized for his mom, reached out to H&I to see if they had any commitments, no luck. He called back with the name of the facility (Vantage, West Springfield), wants to know if NA can go to Vantage. We are still servicing 19 literature racks.

We have decided to cancel the QR code that we have been paying yearly for. We will look for a free one to use on the meeting lists.

We will be printing the new meeting lists for October at the end of September. Please review the meeting list and make sure all of your information is correct such as codes. Please let me know if you have any changes by September 28.

TABLE EVENTS:

We have had 10 events that we attended since our last PR meeting and these are our upcoming events.

- September 15th- East Forest Park National Night Out
- September 16th- Recovery Month Event
- October 4th- 2026 Sheriff's Shuffle 5k Run/Walk
- October 24th- Recovery Day

PR presented for 30 minutes at the service slam in Springfield on 8/22 and will be presenting again on 9/19.

Our next poster drive is Saturday, October 3 at 9:45am. We are meeting at Rocky's Hardware parking lot 1583 North Main Street. We are again asking home groups to please help support this poster drive by asking members to come and help.

We spent \$240 of our budget buying 300 pens.

We bartered \$108.07 for literature.

Our next PR meeting will be October 8 at 5:45 at [141 Springfield Street, Chicopee](#)

ILS,

Stacy F.

Adhoc Committee- We had the first Western Mass Service Slam on 8/22. It ran from 2-7pm at Valor Recovery Center in Springfield.

All of the subcommittees did a great job at preparing and putting presentations for this event as well as donating most of the food and drinks. All of the subcommittee chairs really stepped up to make this a great event. Grateful for all their support.

At the Springfield event we spent \$151.05. Rent \$50.00 Supplies at Costco \$80.42 and Big Y \$20.63. Once the second event is done, I will turn in receipts and left over money to the treasurer.

This event was attended by approximately 15 people with most of them being part of a subcommittee or area.

It was disappointing that we didn't have more support from the area and especially people looking to get involved with service. Especially since the event and all of the food was free.

Our second event is this Saturday 9/19 in Greenfield from 2 - 7pm at First United Methodist Church, 25 Church Street Greenfield.

We hope there will be more members there to join us and learn more about service at the area and subcommittee level. This event is free and free food is included.

ILS,

Stacy F.

Treasurer's Report- please see attachment

Ending Attendance- meeting was ended before secretary could take ending attendance.

In Loving Service,
Rhon S.

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