

**SZF 7/28/07
HATTIESBERG, MS**

SZF MEETING OPENED AT 0919 WITH A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOLLOWED BY THE SERINITY PRAYER

INTRODUCTIONS

FELLOWSHIP CONCERNS

GROUP CONCERNS: NONE AT THIS TIME

AREA CONCERNS

DIANNA, AR.PI REPRESENTATIVE CONCERNS RELATED TO SERVICE. COOPERATION AND PARTICIPATION IN TREATMENT CENTERS. RE: LACK OF PARTICIPATION IN REGION H&I. PANEL LEADERS ARE BEING HIRED BY TREATMENT CENTERS. CROSSING LINES AND PUSHING BOUNDARIES. LACK OF NEW PEOPLE IN SERVICE. WHEN PEOPLE DO STEP UP THEY HAVE TROUBLE WITH PERSONALITIES. LACK OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN AREAS AND GROUPS

MIKE, NASHVILLE: WE HAVE HAD 2 AREAS FOR 17 YEARS. PEOPLE ARE COMING TOGETHER, AN ADHOC COMMITTEE HAS BEEN FORMED AND IS USING THE AREA PLANNING TOOL TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO TO BETTER SERVE NA AS A WHOLE AND WHAT CAN WE DO TO CARRY THE MESSAGE EFFECTIVELY. IT'S A SLOW PROCESS. CURRENTLY THE COMMITTEE IS ON STEP 3 OF THE APT, DISCUSSING STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES, TRYING TO FIND A WAY TO UNIFY THE 2 AREAS

KRISTEN, ST. LOUIS AREA IS LOOKING AT FORMING METRO IN ST. LOUIS AREA, ST CHARLES AREA AND ST LOUIS AREA. FORMED AN ADHOC. SOME CONCERNS WE ARE HEARING FROM METRO AREAS ARE LOSS OF COMMUNICATION AND VOTING PROBLEMS. IF ANYONE HAS ANY EXPERIENCE PLEASE SHARE IT WITH ME

KEITH N: WTNA DOING WELL. WE DID OUR 1ST AREA INVENTORY. THE BIG ELEPHANT IS PREJUDICE. 1ST AND RACIAL ISSUES. WE ARE DOING A WORKSHOP ON CBDM AT OUR AUGUST AREA. FIPT SITE IS A WEALTH OF INFORMATION. WE SHOULD PUT SOME OF OUR OWN STUFF ON THERE SUCH AS THE SOLUTIONS PAMPHLET

REGIONAL

JERRY: SOME CHANGES IN OUR REGION. AN OLD AREA CAME BACK TO OUR REGION AND HAS BEEN REACHING OUT. ALSO THERE ARE 2 AREAS THAT HAVE DIVIDED SAN ANTONIO. ONE HAS FOLDED BACK IN TO THE ORIGINAL REGION.

CHRIS RRR WE ARE TRYING TO WRITE POLICY TO MELD ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER WITH CBDM.

A CONCERN THAT PERSONALITIES ARE CAUSING A LITTLE BIT OF A DISTURBANCE. THINGS ARE REALLY GOING WELL IN OUR REGION.

BELINDA. OUR CONVENTION GUIDELINES ARE BEING REWRITTEN. WE ARE LOOKING AT CREATING BOD. WE HAVE EMPTY POSITIONS AT REGION

KRISTEN RD SHOW ME REGION

WE ARE HAVING PROBLEMS GETTING OLD TIMERS INVOLVED AND CONTINUITY IN SERVICE. PEOPLE ARE NOT STAYING AROUND TO HELP NEWLY ELECTED TS.

SOME REGIONAL POSITIONS ARE NOT BEING FILLED. WE ARE LOOKING AT DOING ORIENTATIONS.

WE HAVE A SMRCNA BOARD

OUR REGIONAL CONVENTION HAS BEEN STRUGGLING FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS. WE ARE DIVIDED INTO 4 ZONES. WE HAVE BEEN ROTATING THE CONVENTION BETWEEN THEM. WE ASKED, DO WE SET UP A CENTRAL LOCATION OR HOLD THE CONVENTION IN 3 MAJOR CITIES? A MOTION WAS MADE TO SUSPEND OUR REGIONAL CONVENTION. THE MOTION WAS TAKEN BACK. AN AREA CONVENTION IS TAKING MONEY FROM THE REGIONAL CONVENTION AND PEOPLE ARE NOT REGISTERING. WE WANT TO GET INCORPORATED BUT WE NEED HELP. I WOULD LIKE TO BRING INFO BACK TO REGION.

MEETINGS ARE LISTED ON NAWs THAT DO NOT EXIST
WE WERE GIVEN 2 SOLUTIONS FROM NAWs.

RODNEY RD, LA. AN AREA LEFT THE REGION. WE DISCUSSED TAKING THEM OFF OUR MEETING SCHEDULES BUT DECISION WAS MADE TO LEAVE THEM ON.

CONCERNING LEADERSHIP, HOW WE CONDUCT OURSELVES AS A REGION SERVICE BODY IN HOSTING AREAS AFFECTS OUR REGION AS A WHOLE. WE HAVE DISCUSSED DRUG COURT AND H\$. I NEED INFORMATION TO TAKE BACK TO MY AREA.

NEW ORLEANS AREA IS REBUILDING, PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO ENFORCE RULES ON PEOPLE DOING SERVICE. WE HAVE GUIDELINES
RSC IS ADDRESSING THE REGIONAL ISSUES AND HAS FOUND SOME SOLUTIONS.

JOHN, RD LONE STAR: WE ALSO HAD AN OLD AREA RETURN TO REGION. MEETINGS ARE LISTED THAT DON'T EXIST ON THE NAWA WEB SITE. WE ARE DISCUSSING CBDM, POLICY AND GROUP REGISTRATION, GROUPS THAT REGISTER THAT ARE NOT PART OF THE SERVICE STRUCTURE.
COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN SERVICE BODIES
CONVENTIONS THAT ARE NOT CONNECTED TO SERVICE BODIES, WHO ARE THEY ACCOUNTABLE TO?

KEITH FROM NASHVILLE (UNABLE TO HEAR ON CD)

GREG (UNABLE TO HEAR ON CD)

MIKE RRR, CONCERNS ABOUT THE MORITORIUM ON SEATING REGIONS AT WORLD. ESPECIALLY REGIONS THAT FORMED FROM SPLIT.
IT'S NOT AN OPTION FOR US TO GO BACK TO LS
HOW TO WE GET OUR VOICE HEARD?

KEITH N; A POSITIVE THING I WANTED TO SHARE IS OUR GSR ASSEMBLY. WE HAVE A PI CHAIR WHO IS ATTENDING OUR RSC NOW.

STEVE, WEB SERVANT: WCNA REGISTRATION IS DOWN. THERE ARE 6,500 PEOPLE REGISTERED AT THIS TIME. PEOPLE FROM EAST AND WEST COAST ARE NOT ATTENDING. WE BASE MERCHANDISE ON OUR REGISTRATION TO RUN OUT ON FRIDAY. BE PATIENT IF YOU ARE VOLUNTERING, THEY WILL CALL YOU.

TOPICS PRESENTED AT TODAY'S FORUM;

DRUG COURT (PAT P)
ACCOUNTABILITY (JOHN, BELINDA)
LEADERSHIP: (LEE, LUKE)
HISTORY OF THE SZF (DICKIE)

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