

Colorado Regional Service Committee

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July 15th, 2001

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Minutes

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Meeting opened approx. 10:15
Introductions – Sign in Sheet

Attendance:

RSC. Committee Members

Mike M. Chair, Z.D.A., Web Site Resource
John R. **Absent (Region notified before)** vice chair, H&I Resource
Steve K. Treasurer
Bob. D. R.D., P.I. Resource
Ryan C. R.D.A, Outreach Resource
Carlos G. Z.D.A.
Jeff CRCNA Chair
Rick C CRCNA Vice Chair, acting RCM Mountain West
Lindsay **Absent** - Secretary
Jim M Policy Ad Hoc Chair
Linda L. R.C.M – Denver
Don T. R.C.M – Boulder
Allen F. Acting R.C.M Foothills – Foothills H&I Chair
Mary Kay A. R.C.M. – Pikes Peak
John A. R.C.M. – Pikes Peak
Mike C R.C.M – Serenity Unlimited

Visitors:

Iris S. Pikes Peak Literature Chair
Tawni. C Foothills P.I. Chair
Brenda E. DASC Chair
Joann D. RMZF Treasurer
Terry W. DASC Activities Chair

Agenda for July 15th RSC

1. Roll Call
2. Introduction of anybody who is new to the RSC and visitors
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Chair Report
5. Vice Chair Report
6. Secretary Report
7. Treasurer Report – Opening Balance
8. R.D. Report
9. R.D.A Report
10. CRCNA Report
11. RMZF Report
12. Area Reports, Boulder, Denver, Foothills, Mountain West, OffTheWall, Serenity Unlimited, Southern
13. Resource position reports and discussion. We need to clarify who is doing what.
14. Old Business
 - A. Meeting Location
 - B. Ad Hoc about PI PSA's – motion
 - C. CRCNA Guidelines
 - D. Election of a new Treasurer
15. New Business – Sharing Session (Time Permitting)
16. Treasurer Report at end of meeting

Minutes from previous meeting approved

Chair Report – (All Reports are at the bottom of the Minutes)

Vice Chair Report – No Report – Vacation

Starting Balance given by Steve K. – Treasurer (Report will be included when I receive it)

Secretary Report (Absent)

RD Verbal report given by Bob. D. NAWS board will meet in Virginia. NAWS newflashes .
RD would like them posted with minutes

RDA Report: verbal report given by Ryan – maps for regional boundaries need to be turned in by areas. Learning days will be put on in the Boulder area.

NAWS news flashes can be seen at the following web site: www.na.org

Regional Minutes – Any info to be included in minutes needs to be submitted in electronic format.

CRCNA Report – Jeff Gave verbal Report – CRCNA Treasurer has key to P.O. Box, CRCNA main speaker Kathy H. from Pittsburgh, kickoff speaker Rick from Woodland Park, Co.

Zonal Forum Report given by Carlos G. (Report and RMZF Minutes at bottom)

Mountain West area Report given by Rick – They need support, held a campout and 17 people attended.

Linda L. gave report for DASC (report at bottom)

Mike M. read the following from Dave A. in the Off The Wall area:

We are having some controversy in Greeley because a longtime member has started a tradition study at his house using the "Baby Blue" illegal version of the 3rd edition revised combined with the 4th & 9th traditions from the 2nd edition. He also carries it to meetings and some say he reads from it and some say he doesn't. I tend to think he carries it but doesn't read from it in meetings. Anyway, just wanted you to know. The Baby Blue controversy killed the Northern ASC some 11 years ago, and we will not let that happen to the OTW ASC. I wish the guy would just grow up... but it may take some meetings having to die and members having to start O.N.A. meetings or some such nonsense. **WE CAN GET THROUGH THIS CLEAN!**

Dave A.

Allan gave report for Foothills (Report at bottom)

Don T. gave report for Boulder (Report at bottom)

Mary K. gave report for Pikes Peak (Report at bottom)

Mike C. Gave verbal report for Serenity Unlimited area. Now holding area meeting in a members house.

Linda L. Elected to be Literature Resource Person

The RSC decided to move the next meeting to the Village Inn Castle Rock. 207 Wolfsenberger. South of the outlets.

PSA motion brought by Foothills and tabled at last area failed. PSA issue is to be worked on by BOB D. P.I. Resource person. (See bottom for Report given by Ad Hoc committee)

Elections:

Joann D. was elected new Treasurer. Thanks to Brenda E. for being will to server in this position.

New Business:

Motion approved to send \$77.52 to WSO to buy literature for a jail in or near Steamboat

Motion approved to send \$213.78 to WSO to buy literature for jail in Buena Vista

Motion approved to send R.D. & R.D.A to Vienna Virginia to WSO board meeting and World Unity Day. \$1388.00

**Next Meeting September 16th at the Village Inn
Castle Rock at 10:00 am**

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Reports

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Chair Report:

Chair Report

I'm happy to welcome everyone to this meeting. As you know it is my first meeting as chair.

I have submitted, to the WSO, the changes to our regions registered meeting list. By deleting the dead meetings it cut the list in half. Wendy, from the WSO, has sent me the revised list. It still needs a little more updating. I will send it back to her next week. Hopefully in the next few weeks the update process will be done. As part of registering a group there is a contact address. The WSO will mail things like the NA Way. I've been making sure these all have the area P.O. box addresses. Please encourage people to use the area P.O. box when registering groups. The NA Way and whatever else is sent to groups is meant for your groups. Also, if for any number of reasons the address provided is no longer good then the mailings will be returned and the groups will not receive the information. Please be clear. I'm not registering groups; GSR's have to do that. I'm only cleaning up the bad information.

I attended the May OffTheWall ASC. I'm happy to report that they are doing very well. They had GSR's attending from most of their meetings. They are providing all their services. One of the positions they haven't filled in along time is RCM. Hopefully they will have one soon so they can share with us some of the things that are making them successful. Dave A. continues to give me meeting updates so I can keep the meeting list accurate. I'm pleading for the other areas to continue to do this. Dave has told me about a controversy that has started and I will read his words during area reports.

I also attended a Foothills ASC and a CRCNA meeting. I thought it was productive to attend these meetings. I will attend each area meeting at least once in the coming year.

I would like the region to start giving some thought to having a few regionally approved service literature. This could be informational type papers that we hand out to new GSR's and RCM's and things we post on our web site. I know Linda L. is doing some GSR training for the Denver area and I intend on talking with her about this. I wrote a paper I called, "I'm a GSR, why should I attend the regional assembly?" I have shown it to a few people. Its not finished. I started to think this could be the beginning of something that the region may want to deal with. For this meeting I just wanted to put the idea out there and possibly have an ad hoc committee next time we meet. Please talk to your areas and groups and see what people think.

We definitely need a new meeting place for the RSC. This restaurant wants us out to soon. We only meet every other month and I would like to have more time for this meeting. We need time for an open sharing session, in my opinion. John R., our vice chair, has found some possible places but nothing for sure. He has been looking in the Bailey area. The thinking is this is much closer to the middle of the state and also may be a good gesture for the people coming from the west part of our state. Until we get a new meeting place I would like to meet next time, which is our Sept. meeting, at the Village Inn in Castle Rock. This item is on the

agenda.

I have been out of the country the last 5 weeks. I arrived back in Denver Thursday night. If anyone tried to reach me I apologize that you couldn't reach me. The reason I say this is my girlfriend told me two people called for me and didn't leave their names. Please email me with anything. I'm almost never away from my email for very long.

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Foothills Area:

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Foothills Area report to CRCNA

We are averaging about 8 GSRs attending our area meetings.
All group meetings seem to be going well.

All our executive committee positions are filled except for Vice Chair.

All our subcommittee chair positions are filled now with the welcome addition of Theresa K. as our new activities chairperson.

All of our subcommittees are now meeting at the same time and location in order to facilitate participation in service by the fellowship at large and to help in coordinating our activities. The Clean & Serene group also holds a pot luck at this same time with their regularly scheduled meeting held immediately after. Our first such meeting was held last Sunday with a marked increase in attendance at each subcommittee. We are hoping to continue to attract more people into service work by making it much easier for them to be come involved in the service structure. The subcommittee meetings are held the 2nd Sunday of each month from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at 6750 Carr St. in Arvada.

Our open discussions have been centered around ways to carry the message of recovery outside of our general meetings and how to attract more people into being involved in service work. We have formed an out reach ad hoc committee to work with our existing subcommittees with

those specific ends in mind. As part of this effort we have attached to this report a request for funding to purchase literature for an N.A. meeting in a correctional facility that has contacted our area. Any guidance and support CRCNA can give us would be greatly appreciated.

Yours in service , John M. RCM Foothills Area

DASC Report:



Boulder Report:

- Ø Donation from Boulder Area - \$50.00
- Ø All trusted servant positions filled except for RCM 2
- Ø Upcoming Event-
August 11th - Union Reservoir, Longmont, CO 10AM - 8PM Flyers on table
- Ø Concerns-
Eastern Colorado Outreach which Area is responsible for the terra incognito east of I-25 to the Kansas Border
Rocky Mountain Forum Location - only reasonable location in Boulder County booked for 12/14 - 12/15

Submitted in Loving Service

Don T

RCM Boulder Area of Narcotics Anonymous

RMZF Report:

Minutes from RMZF meeting:

<http://www.nacolorado.org/region/rmzfminutes.html>

RMZF Report

We attended the RMZF meeting in Boulder Montana the weekend of May 18th. Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Montana and Idaho were represented at the forum as well as 2 World Board members. The forum decided that the agenda was too ambitious for the time available. It was decided to reduce the agenda to the following:

1. History & purpose of Forum
2. Technology/communication
3. World Board / Q & A
4. Outreach! Rural NA
5. New business / picking next meeting place

The following items were discussed:

.Issues surrounding a bank account for the RMZF. We want an account that won't eat up limited Forum funds with bank fees.

.Mike M.- Colorado was appointed to gather some information and possibly make suggestions or recommendations regarding technology in our regions. Each of our regions have web sites and phone lines and we want to try and figure out if we can find better and possibly cheaper ways to provide these services.

.We discussed Outreach at great length. This issue seems to be something each region in the zonal forum can identify with. Here in Colorado we are no exception.

.We discussed reasons why Montana may want to participate in the region. In short, the Montana region wants to be sure it takes care of its needs at home before committing to the forum.

.We discussed possibly helping fund regions attend future meetings with the monies we collect. Currently we have around \$200.00 (I think).

The Colorado Region will host the next meeting of the RMZF. It will take place the Weekend of

December 14th. The primary Agenda items are:

- 1) Decision Making / participation at Forum meetings
- 2) How to do things, service & delivery
- 3) Technology workshop
- 4) Sharing session

We do not have a location nailed down yet. We had one and then lost it so we are looking again. We have a possibility. More will be revealed.

We will have a CAR workshop with World Service members hopefully attending. We will also have an event of some kind the same weekend.

I have posted the minutes from the last RMZF meeting and the information that I know regarding the next meeting on the Colorado Regional Web site. An agenda will be posted soon.

Thank You for letting me be of service'

Mike M. / Carlos G.

At the regional assembly in April I was given the job of chairing this ad hoc committee for the purpose of finding out all pertinent information about the TV Public Service Announcements and the feasibility of running them on Denver TV stations (to be seen all over Colorado). This ad hoc committee met on Friday June 15th, at Hwy. 287 & 10th Ave. in Broomfield just before the regularly scheduled Foothills Area PI meeting. There were members present from Foothills and Denver PI committees. John R. agreed to seek input from the other Colorado area PI committees. I am sorry that I couldn't be here to present this report in person. Tawni C. (Foothills PI chair) and Pam (Denver PI member) told me they would be at the July regional meeting to answer any further questions you may have after hearing this report.

The tape does come from NAWS with a blank spot at the end to edit in phone numbers. The federal government recently changed the laws and the stations do not have to even run our PSAs if they do not want to. We have gotten ahold of four out of the six that have agreed to run PSAs for us. We are continuing to try to contact the other two.

There are a couple of different scenarios for how we could proceed with this. The first is that if the stations would add a trailer to the end of each PSA then we could purchase a copy from NAWS for each station. The TV stations need the tape in Beta format, which has gone up in price from NAWS, \$78.25. We plan to air it on six of the Denver stations. This totals up to \$469.50. Each station needs its own copy of the tape, they will not share copies among them. (Some radio stations are owned in groups by single owners, and that is why it works that way in radio, but TV is different.) In some cases, we could request the tape back after they run it. Tawni has already contacted 4 of the 6 stations and they said they would not edit our tape, but Jeff G. at NAWS told me that they may not consider adding a trailer to the end actual editing and we should approach them again about this. Since she has initially approached these stations, I think it would be better for her to contact them and ask this again without using the word "editing". She will be back in town July 4th, and will

hopefully do this between then and July 15th. However I have to leave town July 5th, so I'm writing as complete a report as I can at this time. I hope she will have more to share with you at the regional meeting.

It is possible to go through an outside video editing company to get this done. I called three different companies and the charge to do this varies from \$200-\$450 per tape. This could just be the charge for the first one, and then copies could be made cheaply for \$30-\$35 for each additional tape. So the total cost in this scenario would be \$458.25 (one tape from NAWS @\$78.25, \$200 editing, \$180 for 6 copies). The only problem with this is that the editing charge was just an estimate. The actual charge would be decided after the company had done the work. The cheapest was \$200 per hour, with a half hour minimum. He thought it would take about 45 minutes (\$150) with a \$50 charge for creating the new master (thus a total of \$200). This figure could be higher.

At first we were under the impression that we could not copy the PSAs under any circumstances, but after several conversations with Jeff Gershoff at NAWS on 6/19 and 6/20, he said that as long as we were only copying the tape for the purpose of giving it to other TV stations and for no other purpose, it would be all right.

At the time of our 6/15 meeting, this committee felt that it would be better to purchase the six tapes and run them with the existing ending, which is, "... contact your local Narcotics Anonymous...", and make sure all our numbers are at least in the white pages of the phone books (there is no charge for a listing in the white pages). This scenario would also cost the same as the first, buy 6 tapes for \$469.50. This would remove the need for editing at all. Now of course we have new information with which to proceed.

Since the price difference between these two amounts is only \$11.25, it may be wiser to just buy the 6 tapes from NAWS (giving most of the money to our fellowship instead of an outside business). We could try to get the stations to add

on the trailer, but if not, we could make sure all our numbers were listed in the white pages as stated above, and trust our higher power.

I perceived some feeling at the assembly that some people felt that we were not ready for the huge influx of newcomers and others contacting our fellowship as a result of running these PSAs. This was discussed at the committee meeting and our feeling is that by doing this we would be practicing our fifth tradition, "Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry the message to the addict who still suffers." The Colorado Springs area has run PSAs in the past and they did not experience a huge influx. According to A Guide to Public Information, put out by NAWs, page 59,

"Don't get frustrated if your PSA effort does not seem to be resulting in new members or increased phonenumber activity. At first, there may be a good deal of concern about phonenumber lines being flooded with calls. In many cases, the amount of incoming calls stay about the same. Remember our primary purpose and if just one addict calls, it's worth the effort."

The guide goes on to say that we should be prepared for an increase in the number of requests for written information. We could prepare for this by agreeing to send these people at least a meeting list, or perhaps a pamphlet or two. We could plan to increase the amounts of money given to PI committees for meeting list copies, postage, and literature. If necessary, areas could send less money on to region and world levels to accomplish this.

In conclusion, we feel that CRSCNA should pay NAWs \$469.50 to purchase the six PSAs. Please re-vote on the motion that was submitted by Foothills ASC at the regional assembly, with the change in the money amount as above. We do feel that this is a regional issue because they will be seen all over Colorado. The Foothills and Denver PI committees will do the footwork of contacting these stations, getting them the tapes and following up with thank yous. This makes sense to us because the stations are located in Denver. If you would like me to continue serving as a PI regional liason for this effort, I would be happy to do so. I have never done PI work before, and I am enjoying learning about something

new! Thanks for the opportunity to serve!