

# AGENDA

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## Saturday

1. Opening Prayer Serenity/Service Prayer – Meeting started at 9:07 am

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2. **Mission Statement:** The mission of the Lone Star Region is to provide its members a diverse forum for training and support while cultivating leaders who can more effectively carry the message to the addict who still suffers. Co-Facilitator
3. **Vision Statement:** We shall create unity throughout the Lone Star Region and fulfill the vision of Narcotics Anonymous as a whole. Co-Facilitator
4. Reading of 12 Traditions – Money Handler
5. Reading of 12 Concepts - Outreach
6. Roll Call
  - a. Facilitator
  - b. Co Facilitator
  - c. Notes taker
  - d. Money Handler
  - e. Money Handler Alternate
  - f. Regional Delegate
  - g. Regional Delegate Alternate
  - h. Regional Communications Liaison
  - i. Regional Communications Liaison Alternate
  - j. AAHTXNA
  - k. Dallas Area
  - l. East Texas
  - m. Fort Worth

- n. Heart of Texas (HOT)
- o. Piney Woods
- p. Rose City
- q. Texarkana
- r. Board of Directors Chair
- s. Convention Administrative Committee (Odd)
- t. Convention Administrative Committee (Even)
- u. Board of Directors Representative

## 7. Open Discussion

## 8. Area Reports

1. AAHTXNA - Absent
2. Dallas Area – RCMA read the report. Dallas Area voted “For” multi zonal forum donation. RCM and RCMA terms have been changed from one year to two years.
3. East Texas - Absent
4. Fort Worth – RCM read the report. Down to 16 or 17 groups. Facilitator reminded all Areas to please forward Area Event flyers to the Communications Liaison for posting on the Region website. Fort Worth Area is requesting information on how the Zones figure into the NA Service Structure and how Zones became a part of the conversation to represent addicts in the Service Structure. A suggestion is to contact World HR and ask specifically about the process for the role of Zones was implemented through the NA approvals process along with how the Guide to Local Services was also approved.
5. Heart of Texas (HOT) - Absent
6. Piney Woods - Absent
7. Rose City – RCM read the report. There was some feedback from the Area that the Region is just recycling the same people and new blood is needed. Nothing was formulated as an idea but the RCM brought the feedback. Members are encouraged to come to Region and understand that the service structure is set up with groups at the top and all other services support the group. Region would love to have more members come and be a part of to have more rotation in the positions and service.
8. Texarkana – RCM read the report. There are a couple of struggling groups in the Area. Flyers for Area Events have been provided for the RCM’s to take back to their Areas. Idea from Texarkana to have a learning day with all the RCM’s to come into Texarkana, Topics for workshops - Basic Understanding of Steps, Traditions, and Concepts, Sponsorship, How to Address Drug Talk, GSR Workshops. These topics have been requested at the Area level with no success.  
Are your speaker jams well attended? Sometimes – 50 to 75 people is a lot for one of our events. Sometimes addicts resist events with “Learning Day” in the title. Be

creative with the speaker jam that makes it interactive for the members attending. Perhaps an “ask it basket” format would be helpful. Create games with recovery topics like Jeopardy or Who Wants to be a Millionaire. Next Area is June 11 at 2pm at the airport.

## 9. Administrative Reports

- a. Facilitator – Co-Facilitator read the joint report.
- b. Co-Facilitator – Joint report.
- c. Regional Delegate – RD read the joint report of RD team.
- d. Regional Delegate Alternate – Joint report
- e. Money Handler – There were questions about money that was deposited into Region account that should have gone into the Money Handler personal account. The error was due to a Quick Pay being used to pay the Money Handler for personal expenses. The issue that was brought up was that these errors (2) were not reported to the Body in a timely manner, only to the Facilitator. The RDA has a similar situation with multiple Chase Bank accounts with the same email address and has not encountered this situation. She contends that the person who entered the payment must have had the Region’s bank account number in order for those funds to be entered into the Region account. The Money Handler again contends that the person does not have the Region account number or even her personal account information. The Facilitator was asked why the body was not informed of this incident. The Facilitator did not feel it was a big deal because there was no bad intent on the part of the Money Handler. The RDA noted that this item was lumped with “donations” and not indicated separately in the initial reports. We reviewed the third version of the report after the RDA helped reconcile the differences in the previous reports which were not in balance. There was a question about H&I reimbursements with receipts. There is no record of the reimbursements that were provided to the H&I coordinator. The Money Handler stated that the receipts were not submitted by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month and the request for reimbursements were received on the 1<sup>st</sup>. The Money Handler stated she changed her email addresses on her personal accounts to a different email address on the Region bank account. The Co-Facilitator says she was not informed about the issue with the money being deposited in the wrong account. So only the Facilitator was informed, although the MH says that she told the Co-Facilitator about the incidents as well. The Facilitator apologized for not reporting the incident to the body and this will not happen again. The RDA will follow up with the bank with one week on how Quick Pay works with regard to the account information being required for that service. The CAC Even asked if the MH can have someone work with her since she has no MH Alternate. For example, deposits, etc. to reconcile the books in a timely manner. The RDA is willing work with the MH to keep the books in order.

- f. Money Handler Alternate
- g. Communications Liaison – CL read the report. Issue with Fort Worth area extension on the phone line has been resolved.
- h. Communications Liaison Alternate – CLA read the report. The RSC lodging and meeting locations have been secured for the year. There will need to be some changes as far as the normal weekends for RSC due to availability of the lodging. This may impact members who have other service commitments outside of RSC.
- i. Notes taker – Notestaker read the minutes from the last RSC. The RD noted that the term for the Communications Liaison Alternate is not up after the May 2017 RSC, but actually for May 2018. A member that volunteered to contribute to bring food for Regional Assembly is asking for help with her commitment. The CLA and Money Handler offered to help the member with their food commitment.
- j. Board of Directors Chair –Convention Chair Report
- k. Convention Administrative Committee (odd & even) – CAC Odd read the report. A CAC Even nomination is being brought to the floor.
- l. Board of Directors Representative - CLA read the report. RSO lunch office hours are now 12:00 to 1pm. No vacancies on the Board at this time. There was a question about the RSO office being open during the lunch hour. This question will be forwarded to the BOD. A member sent feedback through the Co-Facilitator to compliment the service she received from the RSO on her literature order.

#### 10. Coordinator Reports

- a. H&I Coordinator – The H&I Coordinator read the report. Several prison facilities are getting visited and NA literature has been distributed. Bonham VA hospital is a new facility that needs to be serviced on Friday nights with a speaker. Please take back to the groups. Some feedback was that this falls under Red River Region. There is a gap for that Region as well, they need help with this location. A suggestion is to have someone go to Area for that location (near Sherman, TX). H&I Coordinator will work with a willing member (who is running for the Outreach Coordinator position).
- b. Pen Pal Coordinator – Inactive position

#### 11. Work Group Reports

#### 12. Old Business (New Business if time allows) Regional Assembly

#### IDEA PRESENTATION FORM (2)

Date: January 15, 2017

Maker(s): Regional Delegate Team  
(Should be Area or position)

IDEA: Donate \$200.00 to the Multi-Zonal Service Symposium for 2018 Event

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INTENT: Support the upcoming 2018 event to be held on the Plans State Zone

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Representative: Staci Henderson and Sharon Strater  
(actual individual bringing the idea on behalf of the Area/position)

Disposition: \_\_\_\_\_ (To be taken back to Groups /  
Decided)

Final Disposition: Passed \_\_\_\_\_ (Passed / Failed)

Date: 5/21/17

IDEA PRESENTATION FORM (3)

Date: 01-16-207

Maker(s): Dallas Area

(Should be Area or position)

IDEA: To conduct an inventory at Regional Level

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INTENT: To encourage Transparency, Accountability and Continuous Improvement. Traditions 2,4,9.

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Representative: John H.

(actual individual bringing the idea on behalf of the Area/position)

Disposition: \_\_\_\_\_ (To be taken back to Groups / Decided)

Final Disposition: Passed (Passed / Failed)

Date: 5/21/17

**Idea went back to the groups. Here are the questions and answers that came back from the Areas:**

**1. What do you see as the Region’s primary purpose?**

Dallas Area – To provide literature from World, put on the convention, provide two way communication between Region and World. Found on page 87 in Guide to Local Services – every element of NA service structure exists to serve the needs of those who created it. Regional committees generally do not perform direct services like phonedlines, public information, etc. Pool and develop local service resources that can be used by groups and areas in fulfilling their responsibilities.

Fort Worth Area – Help carry the message. Communication between Areas and World. Not real sure.

**RSC response** – When asked directly what is expected from Region, the Areas participation is low as far as providing feedback. Provide a forum for Areas to bring information and bring concerns where they need help. Provide information in the form of workshops and presentations that the Fellowship has created to help address group problems and concerns. We need to better implement our mission statement. *The mission of the Lone Star Region is to provide its members a diverse forum for training and support while cultivating leaders who can more effectively carry the message to the addict who still suffers.*

**2. What does the Lone Star Region actually do?**

**RSC Response** – Provide support to the Areas if they need help with information and support training members to carry the message. We provide Helpline support, H&I support, a Region website, and Public Information. When Areas don't have enough experienced members to support these activities locally, Region has experienced members to provide support and training so that the Areas can learn to provide services more effectively at the local levels. It is up to the Areas to ask for the help they need in providing NA services.

**There was a suggestion to have each RCM have as a part of their report the mission statement of RSC along with a list of the services provided by Region and suggest that groups contact this body when needing help with the services provided. An additional suggestion was to create a workshop on the Regional Service Conference to review all the duties and responsibilities of the positions at Region and who holds the positions along with contact information. Also create a graphic which can communicate what happens at Region for a visual that can be used for reference.**

**3. What are the 3 most important things the Region can do to help you reach addicts who still suffer?**

Dallas Area – Provide education to members of the Area. The RD team provides information to and from the member Areas and World Services. Literature, convention, information

Fort Worth – Assist Areas and groups with literature, education, outreach, information, subcommittee help, and visit Areas.

**RSC Response – Website, RSO, RCM training, mentoring, Communication, Convention. The consensus is Education/Communication, Convention, and travel to the member Areas to offer training and support.**

**4. Are you aware of the specific services provided by the Lone Star Region to support each of its member Areas?**

Fort Worth – No

Dallas – No. H&I coordinator, Literature, taking the message to prisons, etc. RD team acts as liaison between Areas and the World Services. Southern Zonal Forum.

**5. Does your RCM regularly report back to the Area on activities within the Region?**

Dallas – Yes

Fort Worth – Yes

Clarification on “activities” – this should probably include activities going on in other member Areas of the Region along with the business that was discussed. Out of this discussion an idea to set up a Google Docs group for the Lone Star Region came forth. Felicia will set up a Google Docs group and the minutes will be posted there. Felicia will also send out a “cheat sheet” of how to access the Google Docs group. The Google Groups will be on a 6 month trial basis.

**6. What is the best way for the Region and World Services to get information to you concerning NA?**

Fort Worth – Committee reports, website, electronically, NA Way, through RD team and RCM.

Dallas – RCM and website. The website is lacking in that only the minutes are on the website. The treasurer reports and other admin reports should be there as well.

**RSC Response** – There was some disagreement with the Money Handler report being posted on the website. Overall the best way discussed is through the service structure – RCM’s and RD team. Emails from NA World Services are also very helpful.

**7. How would you let the Region know if it were not meeting your needs?**

Dallas – By requesting this inventory. Divert donations away from the Region. Via the RCM.

Fort Worth – Speak to RCM team. Let RCM team know at Area. Attend Region. Fill out inventory. One response said they don’t know.

**RSC Response** – We also hear about member dissatisfaction through gossip.

**8. Have you ever attended a Regional Service Committee meeting? Why or why not?**

Dallas – a couple of members who have served on the body answered “yes”. Other members cited the distance and availability to be there for the weekend.

Fort Worth – Half said yes and half said no. No reasons given.

RSC Response – no response from RSC since the question is directed to individual members.

**9. What does the Regional Delegate do for the Lone Star Region?**

Dallas – referenced the NA Guide to Local Services description of the duties. Carry the voice of the Region to World Services, not just the voice of their individual Area or group. Attend the Southern Zonal Forum.

Fort Worth – they are our voice, hold workshop, and some don’t know.



**RSC Response – Carry the voice of the member Areas and groups to the World Service Conference. Take information through workshops and other means to the member Areas. Link between the Region and the rest of the world. Attend WSC, Southern Zonal Forum. Train RSC members. Hold Regional Assembly for training. CAR and CAT workshops.**

**10. Are you aware the Region has a Hospitals & Institutions subcommittee?**

**What are the services this subcommittee should provide?**

**In what ways can we improve this subcommittee?**

Fort Worth – Yes. The subcommittee should contact rural areas. Provide information and support as requested.

Dallas – The Region has a coordinator position that is different from a subcommittee. The Region Coordinator reaches rural area institution that are not served by the Areas. It would be nice if Areas could help the coordinator reach the prisons outside of the Areas. Assist struggling Area subcommittees.

**RSC Response – The H&I Coordinator primarily goes to prisons that the Areas are not servicing. The H&I Coordinator also requests information from the Areas about the facilities they are visiting to help coordinate services and make sure members are available to go into the facilities.**

**11. Are you aware the Region has an Outreach subcommittee?**

**What are the services this subcommittee provides?**

**In what ways can we improve this subcommittee?**

Fort Worth – Yes and No from one group. Visit rural areas and struggling subcommittees in the Region. Provide information to areas and groups.

Dallas – Yes. Need more information on what the subcommittee will do. It is really a coordinator position, not a subcommittee. The responsibilities are vague.

Additional discussion – Resignation of the Communications Liaison. A letter was read to explain the reason for the resignation. Dallas RCM asked when the CL decided to go ahead and quit when previously he had said that he would quit if the CLA was elected as RDA. There was no answer. The CLA is willing to help the RD, since the RDA position is vacant, even if she cannot be elected.

13. RSC Guidelines Workshop Discussion (after the close of business)

## Sunday

14. Opening Prayer Serenity/Service Prayer

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## 16. Elections

- o RSO BOD Liaison
- o H&I Coordinator
- o Pen-pal Coordinator
- o CAC (EVEN) - Andrea nominated by Fort Worth Area Clean date 2/15/2010, currently hold Co Special Events Chair at Dallas Area. Previous experience on the convention – peacekeeper chair. Has a NA sponsor. Resigned from CAC position two years ago due to personal issues. Willing to come back to serve. Andrea was elected.
- o RSOBOD Representative
- o RDA nominations

- Money Handler Alt.
- Outreach Coordinator – Fort Worth Area nominated Dusty. 5/12/2009 clean date. Outreach Chair and Co-chair for last 7 years for Fort Worth Area. Also worked Helpline and other service positions. Has a NA sponsor and works steps. There was a question about the qualifications for the position for the guidelines. The guidelines will be added within the next six weeks to list the duties and responsibilities of the position in detail. Dusty was elected.

17. New Business – There was a discussion about the Regional Assembly in February 2018. The idea to move the RA to February for the RD team to delivery the CAR and CAT had been approved. The Dallas RCM offered his home group of Eastside Group to hold the RA for February 2018. There was no opposition. The CL will begin to make arrangements in terms of the location and the budget.

East Side Group new location  
801 Alpha Dr Suite #127  
Richardson, TX 75081

### IDEA PRESENTATION FORM

Date: May 10, 2017

Maker(s): Fort Worth Area RCM  
(Should be Area or position)

IDEA: Remove the Position of Notes Taker ALT

INTENT: We are encouraged to be prudent with our resources. This position has been vacant for some time and there seems to be no need for it outside of mentoring someone into the position. We have other positions that are vacant and we could utilize willing servants in those positions. We have discussed this many times over the past few years.

Representative: Loretta J

(actual individual bringing the idea on behalf of the Area/position)

Disposition: \_\_\_\_\_ (To be taken back to Groups / Decided)

Final Disposition: \_\_\_\_\_ (Passed / Failed)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Take back to the groups**

18. Announcements

19. Closing Prayer/Adjourn