

Autonomy Zonal Forum Minutes
May 1, 2012
World Service Conference

Meeting opened 7:45 pm. Present: Etta, Craig, David, Rob, Leon, Sherry, Walt, Eddie, Donna Lee, Allen, Merle, Zoe, Paula, Cheryl, Rob, Debbie, Rochelle

Serenity Prayer. Introductions around the table.

Allen said he would send the spreadsheet with the results of the motions, resolutions, and proposals business session. It will be forwarded to the Zonal Forum.

- We discussed the need for change. C&P is working with Mountaineer to bridge the gap meetings. It may be prudent to discuss combining and coordinating services/resources amongst the regions.
- It was suggested we discuss how we can change the role of the Zonal Forum.
- Since we only meet two times a year, it might be helpful to have a work group or an ad hoc committee.
- There may be changes as a result of geographical boundaries, such as a PA region, where the four regions become a state unit.
- Communication is limited due to the infrequent Zonal Forum meetings. We may need to address ways to better communicate with greater frequency.
- There may be more specific guidelines for moving forward in the service system at the next WSC. Is there a way to keep a little of what we have, and change a little of what we have.
- What are the things the Zonal can do, which a region cannot do? i.e. Zonal meeting list information.
- This is the place we can network so we can share ideas, and not be alone.

- One region questions why they are a part of the Autonomy Zonal Forum, rather than another Zonal.
- Scanning and planning, then informing.
- Inviting people, through sponsorship, friends, home groups to the Zonal Forums
- Have a GSU model presented at the zonal forum, including exposure to the terminology
- The Zonal needs to be supported by the regions. We need direction from the regions as to the direction they want us to go.
- The Zonal Forum is the first place members who are not involved in service can be exposed to a level of service and meet people at this level of service
- We may consider presenting information to the local community as our first function
- It was suggested that rather than using the zonal as an educational function, we have other regions carry votes
- Votes shared with other states.
- It may work well during the transitional time, which is the next level of service
- When we have a conversation and meet as a Zonal, we need to have only the delegates speak to the topic. We only meet two times a year, for 6 hours
- Can we agree in principle that we limit our discussion to delegates, alternates, and former delegates at the Zonal forums?
- It is not fair to be exclusive to others to ask them not to participate. We can put other items into a “parking lot” to be discussed if there is time.
- We could consider setting a time limit to each part of our agenda
- The only time over the years it has been problematic is when it is a conference year. We can have some guidelines in place to keep it on topic.

From WSC Zones Workshop

NAWS & Zones Today

- ❖ Current collaboration between NAWS and zones:
 - What is NAWS role in your zone?
 - What specifically has NAWS done when attending your zone

What needs and objectives could NAWS workshops in your zone help to fill?

- ❖ To help us with strategic planning, or planning basics
- ❖ We need to determine what we want our function to be as a zone
- ❖ Find out/explore financial needs
- ❖ Training on Environmental scanning
- ❖ We would like to see a list of potential workshops offered and provided by NAWS (IDTs, fellowship development, training the trainers)
- ❖ NAWS likes to get the IDTs out; it has been concluded IDTs have not been taken to the regions
- ❖ Some topics are more vigorously attended than others
- ❖ Our purpose as a zone has been to develop our local communities, the fellowship, and the workshops which support that would be the most desirable

What would your zone be willing to do to help this to happen?

- ❖ Do an environmental scan; to see what services we could provide within the zone
- ❖ We would need to scan other zones
- ❖ Determine services provided by the regions which could be collaborated
- ❖ Create a survey amongst ourselves to get regions to tell us what they want/need from us as a zone
- ❖ Ask regions

Small Group responses

What needs and objectives could NAWS workshops in your zone help to fill?

- ❖ Consider asking regions to help offset the cost of travel for NAWS
- ❖ Find ways to create funds outside of regional financial support
- ❖ Multi-zonal collaboration/connection
- ❖ Come to a major convention
- ❖ PI presentation to drug courts
- ❖ Local community to help with transportation/ accommodations
- ❖ Find a variety of locations to hold event
- ❖ Use of web technology to connect more addicts
- ❖ To develop a planning/thinking culture
- ❖ Improve IT awareness
- ❖ Improve direct communication between zonal forum and individual members
- ❖ Contact with WB members who do not attend WSC
- ❖ Need more practical information on planning basics
- ❖ Exchange input on the ways service proposals have been implemented in other communities
- ❖ Help with presentation with IDTs
- ❖ Training; planning; bringing the SSP to the local communities
- ❖ Workshops on fellowship development and how to be more effective
- ❖ PR training
- ❖ Help to attend professional conferences
- ❖ Increased Communications
- ❖ CAR workshops

- ❖ Sync planning to work as one
- ❖ Discuss the issue of seating
- ❖ How will the new SSP look in our local communities
- ❖ Help with understanding the impact of conventions

What would your zone be willing to do?

- ❖ To start a formal publication
- ❖ Local community to help with transportation/ accommodations
- ❖ Find a variety of locations to hold event
- ❖ Use of web technology to connect more addicts
- ❖ Allow time for a workshop
- ❖ Embed in a convention
- ❖ Set up Skype meetings to reduce costs
- ❖ Set up an agenda to support NAWS involvement
- ❖ Give more of our time
- ❖ To do planning, any way needed
- ❖ Make a 2-year planning cycle
- ❖ Contribute financially
- ❖ Willing to discuss seating at the WSC
- ❖ Participate on webinar for follow-up
- ❖ Create necessary position
- ❖ Manpower; plan a local event and to have as many people as possible to support an event

Making workshops successful

- ❖ How can we work together to attract members to workshops before or after the zonal forum meeting?
- ❖ Are zonal forums willing to meet on Sundays or Fridays so that workshops can be scheduled for Saturday?
- ❖ Meeting space for 100-200 people; what/which communities could host?

Next Zonal Forum Information:

Eastern Pennsylvania Region NA
Jenkintown United Methodist Church
Walnut and Summit Avenues
Jenkintown, PA

Hampton Inn
1500 Easton Road
Willow Grove, PA
215-659-3535

Candlewood Suites
250 Business Center Drive
Horsham, PA 19044
215-328-9119
1-800-734-3120

Days Inn
245 Easton Road
Horsham, PA 19044
1-800-329-2613

Agenda for July 28, 2012 hosted by Eastern PA Region

Introductions
Read Traditions and Concepts
Regional Reports
Discuss results of World Service Conference
US Service Conference
If time: How can we combine and coordinate services/ resources amongst the regions?

Upcoming schedule for Autonomy Zonal Forum:

Eastern PA Region: July 28, 2012
Free State Region: January 26, 2013
Greater Philadelphia Region: July 27, 2013*****WCNA that summer***
Central Atlantic Region: January 25, 2014

Mountaineer Region: July 26.2014

Chesapeake and Potomac Region: January 31, 2015

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