

Hello LCASC –

And so it's on to new business at the Regional Service Committee – the new admin team is in place. The chairperson who was elected in June was removed and Jimmy Lee is now the new chair, as of August 14, 2010. He brings many years of service with NCCNA to the table and we are excited to have him on board.

Here are a **few highlights of upcoming events in other Areas**. Please refer to the Regional Calendar at www.norcalna.org, for a more complete listing:

- The Sacramento Fellowship is planning an **H&I Blues Fest for November 6, 2010**, in Woodland. They are looking for blues bands, speakers and volunteers. The contact information is via email: bluesfest2010@googlegroups.com; or call either the program coordinator, Vicki F (916.599.2390); or the volunteer coordinator, Tom H. (530.867.7825)
- If you are interested in taking your recovery into the wild, www.outbackna.com has events scheduled for August 28th and September 11th (around the Chico area). Please, visit the website for more details. There is another group based in San Jose, their details can be found on: www.wildrecovery.org.

While listening to the reports, I noticed that Sonoma has a **GSR Coordinator** position in their ASC admin. Given Lake County's interest in creating a stronger ASC, a position like that might be good to set up. If this ASC would like to know more about it, please let me know and I will contact their RCM for details.

NAWS Service System Workshop will be held in Oakland, at the Hilton Oakland Airport on October 15-17. There are two-sided flyers on the table. Every GSR, please pick up at least two and talk about this at your meetings. The details are on the flyers, including how to voice your ideas online, if you cannot attend the workshop (www.na.org/servicesystem). It is a free workshop, please register in advance so they can plan appropriately. The focus of the 3 days will be service system proposals – ways to more effectively serve the groups and better reach the addict who still suffers – through the implementation of alternative designs for the current service structure. (“...the challenges being apathy, disunity, communication problems, difficulties with NA's public image and struggles to deliver basic services.”)

Insurance and registering raffles: Every NA event needs to be insured, and if there is a raffle being held as part of the event or activity, it also needs to be registered. The insurance is to be arranged through the RCMs only. The raffle registrations should also go through the RCMs, although anyone can go to the www.norcalna.org site and download the registration form. Raffle registration is part of the California State Law – we need to comply with this, if we are not already.

The **NCCNA** Chairperson's report suggests making the Saturday night meeting at NCCNA, a "badged event;" meaning, no badge, no entrance. Please do not get hooked by this. Plenty of feedback was given at the RSC, last weekend. When the NCCNA Committee has a set of proposals in place, to deal with their dilemma, they will let us know and we will have a formal conversation about it here. Meanwhile, if you have any strong feelings about it and want to be part of the solution, this is an excellent service opportunity – which leads me to the next important thing:

- GSRs, there are volunteer sign-up and speaker sign-up sheets on the table. Please take at least two per group and start announcing these opportunities at your meetings. We want those lists full of names, to give back to the NCCNA committee.
- NCCNA expects pre-registration to open in September.
- NCCNA XXXII has donated \$31,200.38 to the RSC – and last month, the RSC voted to retain some of these funds for this next cycle (I'm sorry, the actual amount is not in the minutes.)

RSO is looking at ways to catch up on its budget. Estimated required income is \$34.03 per meeting (per month?) to break even for this next fiscal year.

Motions passed in August:

- Increase the monthly operating reserve from \$4905 to 7357.50 (1.5 months' operating expenses, up from 1 month's)
- Increase travel expense by \$3000 (to provide financial assistance to RCMs traveling to the RSC who need support, per the travel policy in the RSC Guidelines)
- NCRSC will facilitate NA101 in Mendocino Area on November 13, 2010 (not a travelling RSC meeting)
- NCRSC will encumber \$3,600 from NCCNA donation to hold the NA101 in Mendocino in November, 2010.
- Project Proposal Passed to form an NA101 Working Group which will provide the support required for the NA101 in November, 2010, in Mendocino Area.

Last and not least – the **RSC will be sending two people to facilitate our Area Inventory**, on September 25th. We need to determine the time and location today, so I can let them know where it will be and what time to arrive. **GSRs, please remind your groups, if they have not yet completed their inventory, they can still do so.** Also, remind people to leave blank any questions which they do not understand, or write-in "Don't Understand." If you need any more of the "Area Inventory Questions," please let us know, with your correct email address. The questions will be forwarded to you in an email/PDF file format.

Your trusted servant,
Karen Z