

CRSC
Minutes April 25, 2021

Meeting opened with readings 12:00 pm

- I. **Minutes for March 28:** consented to with revision proposed by Jeff A.

Note: all documents may be viewed at Chicagona.org. Go to Regional Information and **CLICK** on Archives.

- II. **Trusted Servant Reports**

Facilitator Report – Oscar thanked Sam for Facilitating in March. Oscar attended the BOD meeting and explained the situation with insurance payment, which was paid annually, rather than quarterly.

Alt Secretary Report—Written report. Sent out an email after March meeting with a flyer announcing openings for Secretary, Alt Secretary, and Alt Treasurer, as well as a list of action items discussed at the March CRSC that will be discussed in April.

RD Report – Charles and Valarye. Written report. Chicagoland is hosting the Midwest Zonal Forum in November; RD team will have proposal in May. It is unlikely that there will be an in-person World Service Conference in 2022. Work on revising The Loner IP and the new women in recovery IP has been paused due to NAWS staff reductions. There are two NAWS surveys on-line.
<https://www.na.org/?ID=projects&ID=projects>.

BOD Report- Jeff A. Written report. The intercom needs to be replaced. Darlene B. resigned from the BOD, and new qualified members are needed. Flyer has gone out.

BOD Financial Manager-Richard V, Written reports. Light traffic, parking is an issue. CSO had net loss of \$1,212.89 in March 2021.

CRC 34 – Angela D. Written report. CRC34 will be in person. The Hyatt has gone cashless. Will be folding CRC website into Chicagona.org.

HIPR Report: Laura M. Written report. Chicagoland Region’s HIPR Subcommittee is hosting “5K 4 NA” where members can walk or run in-person or virtually at their favorite park, lakefront, or socially distanced space. “5K 4 NA” is Chicagoland’s contribution to the worldwide “We Are All PR” week being organized by Narcotics Anonymous World Services. This will take place June 6th, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. All Areas and Workgroups in the Chicagoland Region are invited to take a 10-minute time slot to share with us your PR work in action. Please see flyer for more details. There are seventeen 10-minute slots. To reserve your Area’s slot, please send an Email to chicagoregionpr@gmail.com. RCM's are asked to bring updated policy for H&I PR portion back to the groups to come back and vote on.

Policy Report – Louis H presented. Agreed to propose that CRSC implement a monthly donation to NAWS equal to the higher of \$100.00 or 15% of ASC donations as recorded by the treasurer at the end of the monthly Regional meeting.

Update on June 27 Orientation Workshops: A flyer went out announcing the workshops. They will start with an introduction to CRSC, CRC, and CSO. Joe S will then be offering a training on how to use Chicagona.org. It will conclude with a workshop on RCM training.

Treasurer Report: Tracy M provided a detailed spreadsheet showing the transactions. Highlights: Opening balance: \$31,831.83. Closing balance: \$31,754.09. Area donations: \$1,165.03. NAWS donation \$116.30.

III. **Old Business**

A. The meeting Message in the Music

Representatives from the Message in the Music meeting addressed Region about the approach Region used to take it off the public meeting directory. They explained that they were concerned that the action taken was abrupt and they were given no warning and no opportunity to be present. They argued that the action violated the 4th Tradition's group autonomy provision and the 2nd Concept's statement that the groups have final responsibility and authority. They challenged whether HIPR should have the authority to control who gets on the meeting directory.

Others argued that, in using material that was not fellowship approved, the meeting format was inconsistent with the format specified in the Group Booklet, which specifies the use only of fellowship approved literature. It was also pointed out that 4th Tradition autonomy does not allow a group to violate other Traditions. The 5th Concept establishes a single point of accountability in decision making, and the CRSC Policy gives HIPR Committee authority to monitor the Chicagona.org web site and meeting directory. It was pointed out that present and past HIPR Chairpersons, within the scope of their responsibilities per the CRSC Policy, had previously removed several meetings that did not follow NA Traditions. It was also pointed out that the HIPR Chair had e-mailed the meeting that there was a problem in January. In addition, an email in March said that there would be topic brought up at the March CRSC. Neither of these e-mails were responded to. There was also concern that the We Do Recover Online Area was supporting this meeting.

The CRSC Facilitator apologized for the way they felt about how it was handled. The RCM of the WDRO Area would raise concerns about the meeting with the Area.

Result: No proposals emerged to make any changes.

B. NAWS donation

The Policy Committee brought forth the proposal that the CRSC make monthly donations to NAWS in the form of 15% of Area donations or \$100, whichever is higher. There was widespread support. The Treasurer expressed concern that, while we can afford it now, we should have a prudent reserve in place. It was agreed that the cutoff point would be the COB of each monthly Region, and that the Treasurer will report that total with their report.

Result: Consensus was reached with no dissent.

C. HIPR policy change

The policy revisions had been sent out in February. Several people expressed the concern that their group had not reviewed it.

Result: tabled until next month. Secretary Alternate will send it out again.

IV. New Business

A. A proposal was brought up at the World Service Conference Participant webinar to move Sponsorship Day from December 1 to another day, as December 1 is Aids Awareness day. An RD requested it be changed.

There was little discussion. Chicagoland RD supported it.

Result: RD was given Regional conscience to vote decide whatever way he feels is best.

B. Should the Chicagoland Region hold the Midwest Zonal Forum in person in November?

Chicagoland's turn to the host the MZF is fall of 2021. The RD sought consensus on whether Chicagoland should host an in-person event. Discussion was raised whether public pandemic regulations would allow it. There would be concern with the hotel. It should be discussed with the BOD.

Result: RD should come back with a proposal in May.

C. Cancel December's CRSC meeting and have a Conference Agenda Report workshop instead.

It was pointed out that CRSC usually doesn't meet in December. We usually have the CAR workshop at CRC. Might be better to have it at December CRSC instead.

Result: Consensus reached to have CAR workshop in December instead of CRSC meeting.

D. Whether the CRSC should Recommend Louis H for the position of World Service Conference co-Facilitator.

Result: Consensus Reached to make the recommendation.

E. Should the CRSC establish a prudent reserve?

Treasurer proposed that there should be a prudent reserve. Concerns were expressed that it would interfere with the budget, but the Treasurer explained why that would not be the case. Also, if we were below the prudent reserve, we could raise a topic not to make a payment to NAWS.

Result: Consensus reached in principle. Treasurer and BOD Financial Manager will bring back a proposal next month.

F. Vision and Purpose Statement issued by the Collaboration of US Zonal Forums.

A collaboration of US Zonal Forums has issued a Vision and Purpose statement for a nationwide collaborative of zones to address local service needs that may arise in the US. As the cover letter states, this is not proposing a new service body; rather, it is just a portal where presently unmet needs in the US can be addressed through a collaborative effort. The statements were displayed for discussion.

Result: The statements will be distributed for Area consideration. Will be discussed next month.

G. Virtual 5K PR event June 6.

HIPR chair is seeing Area support for the virtual 5k event being held in conjunction with World PR day. There are opportunities for each Area to participate.

REMINDER: THE JUNE 27 OF CRSC WILL BE WORKSHOPS ON CRSC ORIENTATION, USE OF THE WEB SITE, AND RCM TRAINING.

V. Attendance

Facilitator	Oscar W, present
Facilitator Alt	Samir C, absent
Secretary	vacant
Secretary Alt	Louis H, present
Treasurer	Tracy M, present
Treasurer Alt	vacant
RD	Charles, present
RDA	Valarye, present
BOD Rep	Jeff A, Richard V, present
HIPR	Laura M, present
CRC	Angela D, present

Area attendance. Please note dollar amounts are taken from the reports given by the RCM. They may differ from what the Treasurer reports due to the timing of when the donations are actually received. The secretary report will only reflect donations and lit purchases that were reported by the RCMs that month.

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Area	Rept?	Here?	Donation	Lit	Comments
Fox Valley		N			
Joliet		Y	\$50.00		
Illinois Valley		N			
Lake Borderline		Y			Welcome RCM Martice!
Mid City		Y	\$300.00		MACNA going well, Aug 20-22, 2021
Near West		Y			
North City	Y	Y	\$105.82		Elections in May
North Suburbs	Y	Y			Needs more ASC trusted servants
Rock River		Y	\$200.00		Welcome RCM Brandy!
Small Miracles		N			
South City	Y	Y			Concerns about unity in the community. How to get groups outside of South city for H&I and PR.
SWANA		N			
South Suburbs		Y		\$1,295.87	
We Do recover Online	Y	Y	\$80.00		CBDM webinar May 2. Message in the Music concerned about policy of listing on CRSC meeting directory
West suburbs		N			