

**ABCD REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE OF N.A.  
MINUTES OF JULY 2, 2015 MEETING  
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<b>ABCD REGIONAL SERVICE BODY MEMBERS</b>			
CHAIRPERSON	<b>OPEN</b>		Open
VICE CHAIRPERSON	<b>OPEN</b>		Open
TREASURER	Phil S.		Feb 2016
SECRETARY	<b>OPEN</b>		Open
REGIONAL DELEGATE	Sandy M. (		July 2015
REGIONAL DELEGATE ALTERNATE	Pat H. ( <a href="mailto:abcdrna.rda@gmail.com">abcdrna.rda@gmail.com</a> )		July 2015
ALBANY/RENSSELAER AREA RCM	AI P		Area
BERKSHIRE COUNTY AREA RCM	Teri J. (		Area
GREEN MOUNTAIN AREA RCM	<b>OPEN</b>		Area
MID-HUDSON AREA RCM	Michelle L. (		Area
MOHAWK RIVER AREA RCM	<b>OPEN</b>		Area
SAMMA RCM	<b>OPEN</b>		Area
HELPLINE	Adam B. (		Mar 2016
HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS	Shawn M. (		Apr 2016
POLICY	Mary W. (		Mar 2016
FELLOWSHIP RESOURCES	<b>OPEN</b>		Open
CONVENTION CHAIR	Lillian S. (		Dec 2016
CONVENTION VICE CHAIR	Bobby C.		
CONVENTION TREASURER	Lance		
ALT. CONVENTION TREASURER	<b>OPEN</b>		Open
MEETING LIST COORDINATOR	Jake R. (		Mar 2016

<b>REGIONAL/AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETINGS</b>			
ABCD Region	First Saturday of each month	10:00 AM	Rotating Locations
Albany/Rensselaer Area	Last Thursday of each month	7:00 PM	14th St. & 1st Ave., Watervliet, NY
Berkshire County Area	Third Tuesday of each month	6:30 PM	B.M.C., Private dining rooms, Level G, 275 North St., Pittsfield, MA
Green Mountain Area	Last Sunday of each month	1:15 PM	Springfield Hospital Library, Springfield, VT
Mid-Hudson Area	Last Thursday of each month	7:00 PM	Rotating locations
Mohawk River Area	Last Saturday of each month	1:00PM	970 State St., Schenectady, NY
SAMMA	Second Sunday of each month	3:00PM	37 Saratoga Ave., S. Glens Falls, NY
ABCDRNA CC	Second Wednesday each month	6:00PM	388 Clinton Avenue SEFCU Bldg, Albany, NY

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 7:13 PM with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Service Prayer, the Twelve Traditions, and the Twelve Concepts were read. Roll call was then taken.

**Roll Call**

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>
Chairperson	OPEN	
Vice Chairperson	OPEN	
Treasurer	Phil S.	✓
Secretary	OPEN	
Regional Delegate	Sandy M.	✓
Regional Delegate Alt.	Pat H.	✓
ARANA RCM	AI P.	✓
BCANA RCM	Teri J.	
GMA RCM	OPEN	
MHA RCM	Marc (acting)	✓
MRA ASR	Darcel (acting)	✓
SAMMA RCM	OPEN	
Helpline Chair	Adam B.	✓
Hospitals & Institutions Chair	Shawn	
Policy	Mary W.	✓

Resources Coordinator	OPEN	
Convention Chair	Lillian S.	✓
Convention Treasurer	Lance D.	✓
Meeting Lists Coordinator	Jake R.	✓

Visitors: Sal, Don, Bobby, Chris, Lite, Marc, Darcel

**Seventh Concept Read**

**Review of Minutes from previous month** – accepted with revisions to quorum, MRA representative

**Treasurer’s Report** (Report by Phil read, written report attached)

**Representative Reports**

**Chair Person Report** OPEN

**Vice Chair Report** OPEN

**Secretary’s Report** Marc thanked for his service

**Regional Delegate Report** (Report by Sandy read, no written report received)

**Regional Delegate Alternate Report** (Report by Pat read, written report attached)

**Area Business**

**Albany Rensselaer Area**

(Report read by Al, written report attached)

**Berkshire County Area**

RDA reported absence

**Green Mountain Area OPEN**

**Mid-Hudson Area**

(Report read by Marc, acting representative, not received or attached)

**Mohawk River Area**

(Report given by Darcel, acting representative, no written report)

Bought \$115 meeting lists and \$35 donation.

**Southern Adirondack Miracles OPEN**

**Subcommittee Reports**

**Help Line**

(Report read by Adam, no written report received)

**Policy**

(Report by Mary read, written report attached)

**Convention Chair**

(Report read by Lillian, no written report received or attached)

**Convention Treasurer**

(Report read by Lance, no written report received or attached)

Prev. Balance \$3,503.39; Expenses \$1,937.71; Deposits \$751.67; New Balance \$2,317.35

**Hospitals & Institutions Chair**

(Absent, no written report received or attached)

**Fellowship Resources Chair OPEN**

## **Meeting List Coordinator**

(Jake read report, written report attached.)

## **Open Sharing List of Topics**

**Convention Committee Removal of Fundraising Chair** (discussion, removal invalid until a vote from full body, convention committee chair, vice chair and treasurer left before discussion; suggest 10 Concept at next full body)

**How to serve needs of SAMMA and GMA** (outreach? carry the area?)

**Serve as link between WSC**

**Delegates holding workshops on Traditions** (Mary felt that the delegates are not fulfilling obligations to hold workshops, noted that MHA RCM is holding workshop; MRA did a traditions workshop; Past MRA-RCM held workshops on SSP).

## **Old Business**

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**Second:** Michelle L.

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**Motion Maker:** Sandy.

**Second:** Teri J. (see attachment)

#### **PROPOSAL:**

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#### **INTENT:**

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**Announcements (Including Treasury Balance)**

\$2872.31/\$5483.67

Meeting Closed with Serenity Prayer

**AGENDA FOR ABCD RSC**  
**Saturday – August 1, 2015 10:00am**  
**SAMMA (SANDY WILL CONFIRM)**

1. Bring Meeting to Order @ 10:00 A.m. w/Serenity Prayer
2. Reading of the Service Prayer
3. Reading of the 12 Traditions of N.A.
4. Reading of the 12 Concepts of N.A., followed by reading of the Monthly Concept.
5. Roll Call
6. Minutes of Last Meeting
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Alternate Treasurer's Report
9. Representative's Report
  - A) Chairperson
  - B) Vice Chairperson
  - C) Secretary Report
  - D) Regional Delegate
  - E) Regional Delegate Alternate
10. Area Business:
  - Albany-Rensselear Area RCM Report
  - Berkshire County Area RCM Report
  - Green Mountain Area RCM Report
  - Mid-Hudson Area RCM Report
  - Mohawk River Area ASR Report
  - Southern Adirondack Mountain Miracle Area RCM Report
11. Subcommittee Reports:
  - A) Helpline
  - B) Policy
  - C) Convention Chair
  - D) Convention Treasurer
  - E) Hospitals & Institutions
  - F) Ad-Hoc Committee(s)
  - G) Fellowship Resources
  - H) Meeting List Coordinator
12. Sharing Session
13. Old Business

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15. Announcements (Including Treasury Balance).

15. Close the Meeting with the Serenity Prayer

"KEEP COMING BACK"