

Area Service Committee Meeting Agenda

July 19, 2026

Virtual Meeting ID: 885-373-0525

12:15pm

Open with a moment of silence followed by the service prayer:

“God, grant us the knowledge that we may serve according to your divine precepts, instill in us a sense of purpose, make us servants of your will, and grant us a bond of selflessness that this may truly be your work, not ours, in order that no addict anywhere need die from the horrors of addiction.”

Read the 12 traditions and the 7th concept.

I would like to remind everyone including new GSR's that a moment of silence can be called for at any time during the ASC if you feel like the discussion has been derailed, personalities have overcome principles and/or you are totally confused and need the discussion to slow down. If you would like to call for this moment of silence please feel free to raise your hand.

June's Minutes- any questions/concerns? None- Minutes accepted.

Reports from Trusted Servants

Chair- Good afternoon SEMA,

I would like to first thank the body for the confidence in my ability to fulfill the Chairperson role and I look forward to serving SEMA.

I have been working with Laura for a seamless transition and so far so good shoutout to Laura for all her guidance.

I do have a topic for open discussion pertaining to taxes that we can dive into.

I will be working with Kayla and Bill to transition the bank account signers smoothly and the treasurer will provide more information regarding this in their report.

Lastly, I am looking forward to revisiting our decision on CBDM today and can't wait for that conversation.

ILS, Coralee D

V. Chair- Open position, no report

Secretary- Please continue to send reports in the body of the email, as opposed to as an attachment. Please continue to send reports to both the alt and secretary emails. Thank you for allowing me to serve- Cheridan

RCM- Good afternoon SEMA! On behalf of your newly elected RCM Team, here is my report on

June 14th's RSC in Central MA! (Please note that I was not in attendance at the last regularly scheduled RSC in June due to a previously scheduled trip to TN and I will not be in attendance today due to a previously scheduled wedding that I am attending).

At the RSC there were 10 areas represented. there was a \$0 ending balance after all set asides were replenished and the prudent reserve of \$4,288.00 remains full.

The New England Regional Convention still needs a fundraising and entertainment chair. Public relations will be tabling at the Cape Cod Service Symposium August 6-9 in Providence RI.

Regional fellowship development hosted a strategic planning session on Saturday July 18 in Leominster. Regional FD will create project plans based on two goals that were prioritized: 1) Members understand and see the value of the region and 2) Region's time and energy could be invested more intentionally.

SEMA put in a proposal for all subcommittee Saturday meetings to be online only. This was passed. We put in a second proposal to meet in person only on regional Sunday while we continue to explore an effective hybrid option. This proposal failed, but the topic will continue to be discussed until we have consensus on how we will meet.

Elections were held and all positions were filled with the exception of the assistant secretary.

The next subcommittee Saturday is online on August 8. The subcommittee schedule can be found at nerna.org. The next regional service committee meets online only on August 9.

In Loving service, your RCM team

H&I- Good afternoon,

H and I met twice since my report. We have had an average of 11 addicts in attendance. Last month we passed a motion to reduce our meeting lists to 300. We also passed a motion to remove the requirement for attending learning days for our panel leaders. We will continue to coordinate with other subcommittees as an alternative to the learning day. With that being said, we would like to remove the learning days set aside from the treasury to fee funds. If I need to submit a proposal to do this I will. We are currently working with south coast behavioral health to get commitments in and will continue to update the area on our progress there. One item brought up this month was IP racks in the facilities we service. Does this body have any input on whether we should be filling these racks? I'll bring it up in open forum. We have alternate secretary and WATC coordinator open. Also, we have commitments in all facilities open. Ain't no high like h and I. ILS, Jay P

PR- Good afternoon SEMA,

Public Relations has met twice since our last reporting month. We currently meet virtually and in person at 11:15 am on the day of the ASC in the cafeteria at 777 Elsbree St Fall River. The PR subcommittee had 4 members in attendance in June and 4 in attendance this morning. We had our PR walk and flyer hanging day on Saturday June 6th 2026 in New Bedford with 7 members in attendance. The subcommittee is planning to do another flyer hanging day in early October in the city of Fall River. We utilized our June budget to purchase soda, plates, napkins, water and soda for our June 6th flyer hanging day as well as purchased a four pack of plastic racks and a large 6 foot table to have on hand when we table at the August overdose awareness event in New Bedford an event that does not provide tables for tabling. We spent \$146.45 and \$53.55

was returned to the ASC. We did not utilize our July budget and finally the subcommittee will be tabling on Tuesday August 25th at the New Bedford Overdose Awareness Day, Wednesday August 26th at the Taunton Overdose Awareness Day and Friday August 28th at the Fall River Overdose Awareness Day.

ILS, Gabriel G

Fellowship Services- Hi everyone!

Since last our ASC, Fellowship Services has met twice. We had 1 newcomer attend newcomer orientation last month and none this month. Fellowship services continues to visit groups that have not made it to area recently. We have also provided assistance with business meeting facilitation, getting literature and making contributions for groups that cant make it to area. If you know of a group in need, let us know!

ILS, Lauren C

Policy- Good afternoon,

I apologize for my absence last month and am excited to hear about where we are at for our CBDM practice so that our policy can reflect our new procedures. We have combed through some of the policy and made edits for housekeeping. We will be moving our meeting time for tomorrow on zoom at 1pm for anyone interested in going through the policy.

ILS, Katie

Website- All is well here, I met with the new alternate webservant this morning and I'm really excited to have help with this position. We got her logged into all relevant accounts and went over the general responsibilities of the position like google suites and keeping the current website updated. I had her join the Regional IT slack so both of us can try to better stay up to date with whats happening there. Looking forward with an open mind to new ideas to keep the website moving forward to better serve the area.

Thanks, Andy

Activities- Present, no report

Convention- Hello everyone,

The convention committee continues to make steady progress.

This is a reminder that today is the deadline for theme and logo submissions. If you have a submission, please make sure it is sent in by the end of the day today so it can be considered.

Our next major milestone is finalizing the convention location. The Hotels & Hospitality Subcommittee is currently compiling a list of potential venues, which will be brought to the Convention Committee for review and approval in July.

I'd also like to encourage everyone to attend our upcoming Fellowship in the Field fundraiser:

Saturday, August 22, 2026

11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Colt State Park, Sites 1 & 2, Bristol, RI

Suggested contribution: \$5 (No addict will be turned away.)

We'll have food, games, raffles, fellowship, and an NA meeting from 3:00–4:00 PM. We hope to see you there!

Our next Convention Committee meeting will be held on Sunday, July 26, at 4:30 PM at 59½ S. Main St. Everyone is welcome to attend and get involved in planning MACNA III.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

D'Lanor

Campout- Good afternoon Sema,

The Campout committee has met multiple times since the last ASC. We are putting the final touches on the campout which is less than 3 weeks away. August 7th, 8th, and 9th. If you are planning on coming please get your early registrations in soon. If you signed up for the lottery for the small cabin, the drawing will be held on July 31st. If your name is selected you will receive a phone call to confirm you are still interested in the cabin. We are very excited and we hope you are as well. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

In loving service, Jeff M

Literature Distributor- Good afternoon, I'm an addict, my name is Janet.

Over the past 2 months we had a total Literature sales of \$2,533.55

I will be placing an order the following week to replenish Area's literature supplies.

Our last 2 orders were a total of \$2540.25

(shipping and 7% bulk discount included).

We do ask for subcommittees to place their order 1 month in advance, as we have always done in the past, so our committee can have the adequate supplies for your orders. That means if you want literature for the next area, I need the order today, preferably before I close my table.

As a reminder:

We do have medallions from 1year - 40 years on hand medallions higher than that need to be pre ordered you can send the pre order to the email.

Pre-ordering is recommended. Please use the attached jot form link for orders. Orders can also be paid online using Zelle. Payments are made to treasurer@semana.us. Literature sales will be going on from 10:15am to 11:30am before Area.

<https://form.jotform.com/252007172944151>

Prices have gone up. Our online form is up to date. If you are using paper forms still, make sure they are marked for February 2026.

Thank you and in loving service Janet M. and Christopher G.

Treasurer Report-

Good afternoon SEMA,

The Finance Committee has met once since the last report with 4 addicts in attendance. We reviewed the bank account and the spreadsheet. The Finance Committee meets the Thursday before the ASC at 6 PM virtually.

Group contributions this month totaled \$810.10. Literature Sales totaled \$743. The ending general balance is \$8535.44. The prudent reserve is \$2704.50 and is full. The ending working balance is \$540.90. The regional contribution is \$162.27.

The subcommittee budgets were replenished at the start of business. PR spent \$0 of their budget this month. H&I spent \$0 of their budget this month. Fellowship Services spent \$100 of their budget. Campout spent \$2500 of their seed money.

Campout's seed money balance is \$408. The Campout Committee has been in conversation with the Finance Committee about opening their own bank account that is connected to the area's EIN, as the area approved this last month. In speaking with our rep at Citizen's bank, we found that the EIN number that the bank has is not our EIN number. We discovered that it is our old Tax Exempt number. Our bank rep told us that, in order to correct this, we would have to close down our accounts and re-open under the correct EIN. This would be required in order for the campout to be able to open a bank account because we have to show proof of our EIN. We have already discussed a plan with the Chair and the Finance Committee to make this happen.

Kayla and I went to the bank on 7/18, however, we were unable to add me to the account at that time because I am waiting for my Real ID to come in the mail. We will go back to the bank before the next area to resolve this.

We are awaiting guidance regarding the PO Box. ILS, Bill M.

Southeastern Mass Area of Narcotics Anonymous Treasury									
July-26									
6/29/2026 - 7/19/2026	Activities	Fellowship Services	Hospital & Institutions	Public Relations	Recurring Expense Account	Prudent Reserve	Working Balance	General Balance	Regional Contribution
Starting Balance	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 118.80	\$ 54.45	\$ 3,478.53	\$ 2,704.50	\$ 2,062.20	\$ 11,783.23	
Monthly Transactions Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 311.20	\$ 145.55	\$ 400.75	\$ -	\$ (1,521.30)	\$ (3,247.79)	
Ending Balance	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 430.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 3,879.28	\$ 2,704.50	\$ 540.90	\$ 8,535.44	\$ 162.27
Monthly Transactions Ledger									
Transaction Description	Activities	Fellowship Services	Hospitals & Institutions	Public Relations	Recurring Expense Account	Prudent Reserve	Working Balance Adjustments	General Balance Totals	NOTES
Group Contributions Cash							\$ 780.10	\$ 780.10	
Group Contributions Digital							\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	
Literature Sales Cash							\$ 567.00	\$ 567.00	
Literature Sales Digital							\$ 176.00	\$ 176.00	
Literature Order							\$ (1,486.56)	\$ (1,486.56)	
Expense Account Set Aside					\$ 400.75		\$ (400.75)	\$ -	does not hit GB
JUNE Regional Contribution							\$ (618.66)	\$ (618.66)	
PR Replenishment				\$ 145.55			\$ (145.55)	\$ -	
H AND I Replenishment			\$ 311.20				\$ (311.20)		
FS Replenishment		\$ 100.00					\$ (100.00)		
FS cash reimburs from June							\$ -	\$ (100.00)	cash given to Lauren C in June
digital bank adjustment							\$ -	\$ 15.50	
bank adjustment							\$ -	\$ 0.51	
lit res-books							\$ (11.68)	\$ (11.68)	
check for campout							\$ -	\$ (2,500.00)	
fello-serv								\$ (100.00)	cash given to Lauren C
fs pizza		\$ (100.00)							

Open Forum-

- PO box Followup- \$266 for 12 months in Fall River
\$162 for 12 months in New Bedford

Discussion of looking at prices for more central areas and selecting the cheapest option. (Chair to report back at the next ASC)

b. Taxes were filed correctly, but not sure how. Leadership will continue to look into it.

c. H and I learning day discussion- Policy is that \$300 is set aside for H and I learning day. H and I would prefer to hold presentations during other events, (example- Service Slam) in the interest of prudence and attendance.

d. IP#1- changing to gender neutral language- ex: changing “men and women” to “people”

With no literature development chair, how do we want to participate in the discussion?

Can create a work group

Can utilize a GSF

Can be brought back to groups for members to fill out survey

Group/Subcommittee concerns-

H and I- Racks are not being filled in our facilities. The owners of the racks are the facility themselves. If it's cool with everyone we may want to fill them as h and I. Just wanted have to a discussion at area.

PR no longer fills as it is not prudent, we already have a presence there and they want to focus on areas we do not have a presence.

H and I will continue to brainstorm.

Consensus-Based Decision Making (CBDM)

This committee uses CBDM as its primary decision-making process. This means we discuss, listen, and seek to reach agreement that reflects the conscience of the group, not just the loudest voices. Each member has an equal opportunity to share concerns or support. If consensus cannot be reached, the chair may call for further discussion, table the item, or the proposal does not carry.

Our goal is unity in service, not uniformity of opinion. Initial questions on any proposal are limited to clarifying questions pertaining to the language of the proposal only, no debate or discussion at this stage. When a straw poll is called, members indicate one of the following:

In Support: I support this proposal and am ready to move forward.

Not in Favor: I do not support this proposal.

Abstain: I have questions or need more information before deciding

Present Not Voting: I am present but choose not to participate in this decision.

Roll Call_16__ Quorum__9_ 2/3__11_ New to ASC__ 80% 13

	July 2026
12 & 12 for All	0
Addicts Unite	1
Back to Basics	1
Boys to Men	1
Breakfast Club	0
Carry the Message	1
Doorbell Group	0
Give Yourself a Break	1
Hope Shots	1
L.O.V.E. group	1
Ladies, We Do Recover	0
Living Clean JFTuesday	0
Living the Dream	0
Making Changes	0
Man up	0
Men and Women Together	0
Morning Message	1
Natural High	0
New Beginnings	0
Newport NA	1
Out to Lunch	1
Primary Purpose	0
Room to Grow	0
Saturday Night Live	0
Simply Serene	0
Spiritual Junkies	1
Spiritually Refreshed	1
Spill the Tea	1

Stepping Out	0
Stepping up 1,2,3	1
Steps are the Answer	0
Surrender & Unity	0
Take Care of Yourself	0
United We Stand	1
Working Knowledge	1
Way of Life	0
TOTAL GROUPS	36
GROUPS PRESENT	16
80% Consensus	13
2/3 MAJORITY	11

Old Business-

- a. CBDM- Do we want to implement CBDM moving forward?

Feeling was it eliminated robust discussion

Questions that are not 'clarifying' sometimes could not be asked if consensus was reached without discussion.

Can print and update CBDM flow chart to distribute at area

New Business-

- 1.) From RCM- Reimburse RCM for travel for 6/14/26

86 miles x 2(there and back) =172miles x .24(milage rate) =41.28

\$12 tolls

\$53.28 Total **To go back to groups**

- 2.) From Campout- Establish a yearly service slam for SEMA.

Intent- To unify learning days. To include participation from all members and allow for more attendance

Question- What is a service slam? A chance for each subcommittee to hold presentations to hopefully generate interest in service.

Support 13 Opposed 0 Abstain 3 Present not voting

Question-Can this be deferred to activities to workshop the point of accountability? Or for fellowship services to workshop.

Question- How much would be set aside for this? Does that make it a money motion?

To be sent to workshop and brought back to ASC

3.) From H and I- Remove the part about providing 300 bucks to h and I for a learning day.
Intent- To update policy on new practice of not having and h and I learning day.

Support 16 **Proposal carries**

4.) From Andy- To update policy to reflect CBDM to the ASC moving forward

Support 10 Opposed 4 Abstain 2

Question- What is required? Answer 66% as opposed to 51%. (Roberts rules)

Question- Where is this being done? Answer: World, region, zones

Question- Is the person abstaining asking the question? Answer: depends on if it is open to discussion.

Support 14 Opposed 2 Abstain 0

Opposition: Don't like it. Don't have enough information (should vote as present not voting)

Support 13 Opposed 1 Abstain 1 present not voting 2 **Proposal carries**

Elections-

Vice Chair- Kayla **Passed**

Alt Secretary- **Open**

Alt literature distributer- **Open**

Motion to close 2:30pm

Set next meeting -- August 16 , 2026 12:15pm
777 Elsbree St Fall River, Mass Building G " Staff Lounge "
Closest Parking can be found in Lot 12