

1. Reopening Meetings #1: A Roundtable Session for HGs to share ESH, Sunday 06/07/20, text of announcement:
 - a. Join COASCNA Area Public Relations for an open Roundtable Discussion on whether and/or how HGs might reopen. Your experience, strength and hope is invaluable to this process. See the flier below or click here for a checklist of suggested items to consider!
 - b. The COASCNA PR Area Subcommittee will facilitate a conversation among area HGs and other interested NA members about the possibility of reopening in-person meetings. The suggested guidance is pieced together from ESH from other groups, areas, regions, and local and national information about coronavirus, COVID-19, social distancing guidelines, and orders from the Ohio Department of Health and the Governor's Office.
 - c. This is not meant to be interpreted as instructions on how to proceed or permission to reopen. HGs are free to do what they decide, and will be liable for how they choose to proceed, along with the facility that is renting to them, or any other space they are using.
 - d. The PR Area Subcommittee is simply offering pointers on where to find more information, and to make suggestions on what kinds of things HGs might want to consider, so that they can decide by group conscience whether they are following all applicable laws and orders while offering in-person meetings.
 - e. Suggestions and resources offered by the PR Area Subcommittee are not an exhaustive list, and all responsibility for ensuring that all community standards and legal requirements are met lies with the HGs.
2. **Reopening Meetings #2: A Roundtable Session for HGs to share ESH, Sunday 06/28/20 at 5:30 – Join us please!**
3. 25 people attended the first one on 06/07/20; we had general open discussion among all members for 15 minutes, then went into breakout rooms to discuss in small groups for 20 minutes. One person from each breakout then talked reported out what their breakout room discussed, and then we had general discussion for another 40 minutes. It was very productive
4. PA
 - a. Meshugana and Out in Recovery meet in the same location; Meshugana had GC to talk about reopening
 - b. Need to contact church to confirm open first, so no concrete plans to reopen in the near future.
 - c. There was no discussion about taking attendance for contact tracing
 - d. One idea was to have a TV screen bluetoothed in from ipad / computer so people in the room and the zoomers could meet together, but who's going to bring the TV every week? This seems like lots of effort.
5. DM
 - a. HG will bring a laptop and put it in the center of the room and see how it works
 - b. The church requires that masks be worn and that a temperature check be done at all meetings.
 - c. He is not sure if they have talked about keeping attendance for contact tracing.
6. LP
 - a. Likes the idea of having face masks available since newcomers may not have them
 - b. In her professional practice, they accept a doctor's excuse if the person is not able to wear a mask for a medical reason
7. CM
 - a. Met with the pastor and HG secretary on Wednesday
 - b. Facility is still closed until further notice, so not reopening yet, and they will then need to find out what the church's requirements are, and if they can meet them
 - c. When / if they do reopen the kitchen will be off limits, and they will not provide coffee
 - d. Questions they have for the church and to for them to investigate by researching ODH guidelines are: 1) Can children attend; 2) Will that count toward the 10 person max; 3) will the children have to wear masks
 - e. If they continue to meet in the parlor of the church then to comply with the Ohio Dept of Health Guidelines and requirements of the church, then they would only be able to fit 5 addicts in the parlor
 - i. Because of that, then if they do reopen in that church then they will meet in the gymnasium in order to comply with social distancing mandates
 - f. The church has done a couple of practice religious services, to see what their own foot traffic was like and to see if things would run well; CM does not know the outcome of those practice services
 - g. Thinking about having An Introductory Guide to NA in plastic bags to give to newcomers

8. FP
 - a. They have decided to not meet, even in the park
9. OK
 - a. Talked about not using books or other physical literature; rather, leaning toward technology and people will read it from their phones
 - b. The HG will buy the masks
 - c. They will not circle up for the closing; everyone will stay in their seats
10. NG
 - a. Have two different meetings, one for in person and one for virtual
 - b. HG can do a dry run, just for HG members, to test the process
 - c. No coffee will be provided!
 - d. If the church requires it then they will wear masks
11. JC
 - a. Said that some meetings are circling up at the end for the closing
12. VF
 - a. Have one laminated copy of each IP; if after the person reviews it they decide they want it, then they can take a folded one from the rack
 - b. They will do a literature study meeting rather than topic meeting
 - c. Each HG member has the responsibility to come early and stay late to take care of cleaning
 - d. Changed format from topic to literature
 - e. Use disposable readings
 - f. 7th tradition basket will remain in one place and not passed around; they will also have an app such as Venmo or PayPal
13. General concerns, ideas and comments
 - a. Is the Area insured by the Region policy in the best of times, let alone during the age of COVID? Input from other Regions is that their insurance company explicitly told them that **their meetings and events are not covered for anything COVID-related.**
 - b. How does keeping attendance for contact tracing fit in with our tradition of anonymity?
 - c. **Virtual-na.org is an extremely valuable resource to the worldwide NA community;** many of our members are taking advantage of being able to attend meetings by phone or by app any time of day.
 - d. The church may also require attendance records to be kept in order to comply with their insurance and other liability
 - e. The need to sanitize before and after each meeting
 - f. The need to be mindful of “except in matters affecting other groups or NA as whole”
 - i. A misstep by NA that’s seen as a breach of trust by other people could become an issue with NA’s standing in the community
 - g. HGs could have a box of gloves and masks on hand
 - h. NA readings could be handled by one or more of the following
 - i. COASCNA could put all the reading in one place on the website so that people could read them from their smartphones
 - ii. Readings could be laminated and then cleaned before and after each use
 - iii. Use disposable readings, that people print on plain paper using their home printer
 - i. How do we accommodate the 11th person (since we are limited to 10)?
 - i. Split into two different rooms?
 - ii. Turn the person away?
 - iii. Do FIFO, or “first in first out”, meaning that the person who has been there the longest and gotten some recovery already will be the first person to leave, so that the 11th person can experience some recovery
 - j. Do we have to wear masks if the church does not mandate them?