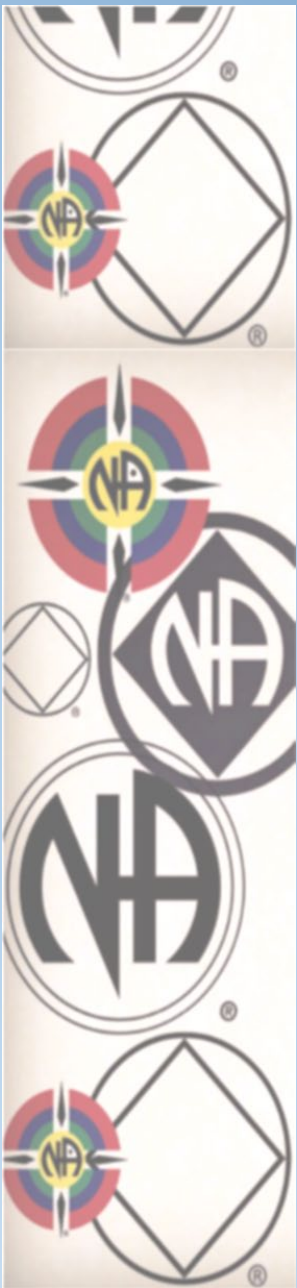


Should we reopen? Central OH Area PR

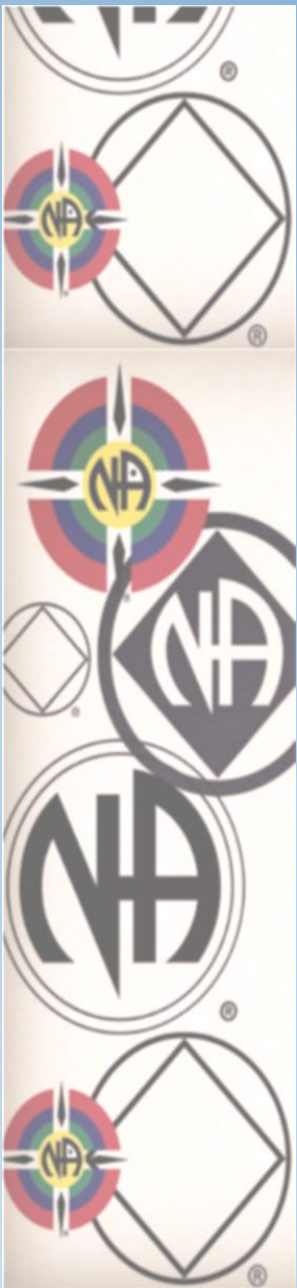
Actions so far:

1. Contacted Franklin County Health department
2. Contacted ODH (Ohio Dept of Health)
3. Discussed at ASC how to best serve the Homegroups
4. Sought input/review info from other Areas/Regions
5. Provided checklist of considerations to Homegroups
6. Arranged Roundtable discussion for 06/07/20 at 5:30 EST (ID # 5363639417)



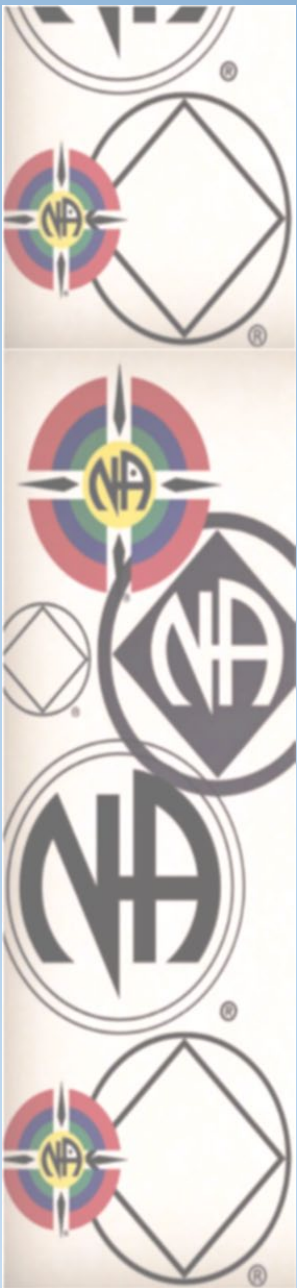
County & State Boards of Health

- Ohio Department of Health (ODH)
 - Said to check coronavirus.ohio.gov for any updates, and that the ODH orders must be followed
 - Requested that they specifically address what 12 Step Groups should do, but to date they have not to my knowledge
- Franklin County Health Department
 - Told to meet only virtually; asked if it was illegal to meet in person; was told that it wasn't but we had to follow all laws and orders and guidelines
 - Also, suggested that meetings contact their County Health Departments



Discussed at ASC, 1 of 2

- How do we best serve the Homegroups since we are not having F2F ASC meetings
 - In March did a training on how to set up Zoom meetings (many thanks to Kris R, Shane C and Wilvena G for training us!)
 - How do we continue to follow the 12th Tradition and continue to carry the message
 - What are the concerns about putting F2F meetings on the website and other social media
 - Do we have insurance, what is ASC liability, what is TS personal liability?
 - Do we need to get assurance from HG TS that they are following existing guidelines
 - Created a checklist (thanks NERNA) & organized a Roundtable for Sunday, 06/08/2020 at 5:30 EST (ID # 5363639417)



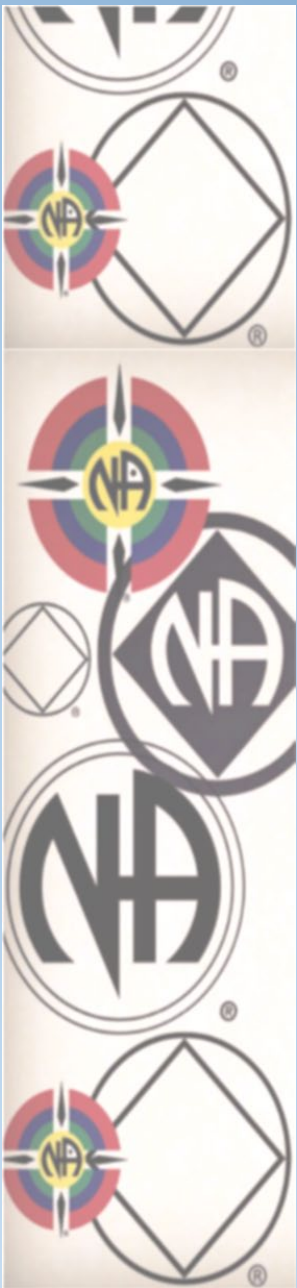
Discussed at ASC, 2 of 2

- How do we reach out to potential newcomers
 - They now cannot just show up to meetings
 - Many may not have access to technology
 - Hardware
 - Financial considerations (internet, number of minutes, etc.)
 - Can we set up a toll-free number for one or more HGs so that newcomers can use that to get in?
- How do we get the info about virtual meetings to them?
 - Virtual H&I at treatment centers; correctional facilities still off limits
 - Send info directly to inmates?
 - Keep doing PR presentations to medical and other professionals, and increase as able
 - Whitehall FD, Med school, get back into the nursing school



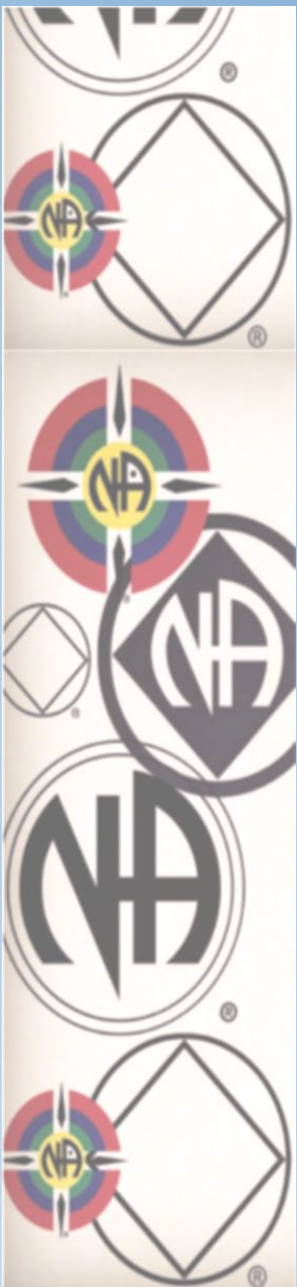
Input from & review info from other Areas Regions

- NERNA.org checklist
 - Thank you for posting that!
- American River Area Narcotics
 - Very in depth; can upload to chat or share by email, depending on settings
- Used these as a basis for discussing how COASCNA should proceed, so we can be of most service to our HGs.



Checklist of considerations distributed to Homegroups

- Feedback on first one was that it was too detailed, and had too many things that were considered to be “top down” and “required by COASCNA” rather than informative with suggestions
- Final version is available here:
 - <https://nacentralohio.org/event/reopening-meetings-a-roundtable-sessions-for-homegroups-to-share-esh/>



COASCNA checklist & guidance

The COASCNA PR Area Subcommittee will facilitate a conversation among area Homegroups 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.

It is not meant to be interpreted as instructions on how to proceed or permission to reopen. Homegroups 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.

The PR Area Subcommittee is simply offering pointers on where to find more information, and to make suggestions on what kinds of things Homegroups 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.

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 Homegroups.

SHOULD WE REOPEN?

CONSIDERATIONS + CHECKLIST

4TH TRADITION

Groups are autonomous, except when our actions may affect other groups or NA as a whole.

10TH TRADITION

We have no opinion on outside issues, and so should avoid being drawn into public controversy.

12TH TRADITION

We should practice spiritual principles in all our affairs, including selflessness, brotherliness and compassion.

<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEW CDC + STATE GUIDELINES	CDC.gov coronavirus.ohio.gov
<input type="checkbox"/> CONNECT WITH FACILITY	Do we have permission to meet at the facility? Any specific requirements when using the space and table/chairs?
<input type="checkbox"/> SEATING PLAN	What is our plan to keep distance between chairs? Designated area for anyone vulnerable/compromised immune systems? What is the plan if we have a large group of members and limited space?
<input type="checkbox"/> CLEANING + SET UP	How will we clean and set up/tear down the meeting? What materials do we need to ensure all meeting areas and bathrooms are clean? Will we forgo community coffee and encourage people to bring their own?
<input type="checkbox"/> ENCOURAGE PERSONAL SAFETY	How can we encourage people to practice personal safety such as, wearing face masks/coverings, refraining from hugs, and having personal hand sanitizer?
<input type="checkbox"/> ESTABLISH BEST PRACTICES	How will we safely hand out key tags and provide phone lists? Will we encourage downloaded literature vs. handing out books? How will we sign slips and take donations?
<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATION PLAN	Have we submitted meeting updates to COASCNA@gmail.com? Have trusted servants held a group conscience? Have we edited the chairperson guide? Have we hung posters of our guidelines at the entrances of the facility?

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- At least one person from a HG that officially reopened a couple of weeks ago
- HG their TS, and facility liability, responsibility, insurance
- Possibility of hybrid meetings
- Best practices
- Challenges and barriers
- 11th person

