



Central Ohio NA, PR Subcommittee Report, May 2023

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Hello Family,

Thank you for allowing us to be of service! Here is our report for May 2023.

In loving service,

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Activities/info since last ASC meeting

- Better Late Than Never Group used proceeds from their latest spaghetti sling fundraiser to purchase and donate 24 each of **NA book length literature to the libraries**. Here's a picture of homegroup member Dave M. bringing the books to PR Chair Paul M. The PR chair will deliver them to the Main Branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library in early June. The Main Library will deliver one of each of the five books to all 24 branches of the public library.
 - It Works How & Why
 - Living Clean
 - Our Guiding Principles
 - The Spiritual Principle a Day
 - The Just For Today Daily Meditation
- All library branches currently have one copy of our Basic Text. **Go to <https://www.columbuslibrary.org/>, search "Narcotics Anonymous", and leave a review for the Basic Text**
- The PR Chair and Vice Chair made a **25-minute virtual presentation to 40 Columbus Metro Library Staff** who represented all 24 branches of the library. Staff now know:
 - Our website
 - How to find and print the PDF schedule
 - How to direct patrons to the website and look up meetings and how to use the map links
 - How to find, download, and print free NA IPs from na.org/ips
 - How to find & log into over 3,000 online meetings in 16 languages (including ASL, American Sign Language) across the globe at virtual-na.org



- **Website stats**
 - February: 3,388 visitors who viewed 9,246 pages. While this is a big decrease over January, there are only 28 days in February compared to 31 days in January.
 - March: 3,875 visitors who viewed 10,600 pages.
 - **April: 4,020 visitors who viewed 10,592 pages.**
- The PR Subcommittee started its 5th year of making **monthly presentations at The Ohio State University College of Medicine**. The presentations are for 4th year medical students, who will soon be returning to their communities as resident physicians in a variety of disciplines including psychiatry, surgery, family medicine, pediatrics, and anesthesia.
 - Since 2018 we have presented to over 800 fourth-year medical students and 600 second-year medical students at OSU.
 - Also in 2018 and 2019, we also presented to a total of more than 100 future nurses at the American Institute for Alternative Medicine at 6685 Doubletree Avenue, Columbus, OH 43229. (See picture.)
- Vice Chair Megan P. virtually co-presented to a group of **10 psychiatry fellows at New York University** on Thursday, March 23rd. The PR Chair of the Manhattan Area invited Megan to participate in the planning and delivery of the virtual presentation; this was based on Central Ohio's experience with presenting to nursing and med school students.
- Chair and Vice Chair of PR, along with Vice Chair of H&I, periodically meet virtually with the ODRC (**Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections**)
 - We are exploring options for ODRC to do what California DOC does, which is connect all its facilities to the Sunday Unity Speaker at the WCNA 38 (The 38th World Convention of NA). WCNA is Thursday, August 29 – Sunday, September 1, 2024.
 - We are exploring a test run of having a virtual NA speaker on the outside streamed into a prison, and believe that this will happen in September or October of this year.
 - **ODRC asked for information from NA to include in their Re-Entry Module.** The module is offered via prison-issued computer tablets to all incarcerated up for release. PR Chair reached out to H&I Chair and Vice Chair for input, and also reached out to various NA Service Groups on Facebook.
 - If anyone with experience re-entering their communities after a stint in prison or jail would like to give input, please do! You can reach the PR Chair at cbusnapaulm@gmail.com
 - We continue to work on streamlining the process for NA trusted servants to get clearance to go into ODRC facilities. Our goal is that by the end of 2023 there will be a standard online application process, and that one application will cover all facilities in Ohio.
- **eLit on prison tablets update:**
 - Regional delegate from Wisconsin Dezz G. and a Wisconsin Dept of Corrections we referred to PR Chair by NAWS to help Wisconsin DOC through the process of putting eLit on prison tablets



- NAWS also referred the secretary of the MZF (Midwest Zonal Forum, <https://mzfna.org/>) to the PR Chair for information on how to put eLit on tablets in Minnesota and other states in the MZF region.
 - The MZF serves the following regions: Buckeye, Chicagoland, Greater Illinois, Indiana, Metro-Detroit, Michigan, Ohio, Upper Midwest and Wisconsin.
- The PR chair renegotiated the billboard contract. It will now be up for **8 weeks** for a total cost of \$2,500, which is the total funding allocated by ASC. It will be on **East 5th Ave at the intersection of Sunbury**. It will run from **06/05/2023 through 07/30/2023**. All payment backup documents have been sent to COASCA treasurer Mark R., and a copy of the contract has been provided to the COASCNA Secretary Lis R.
 - The billboard is in the zip code 43219 which is next to 43211. These have some of the highest overdose rates in the city. (See pic of billboard location below.)
 - The demographics of 43219 are
 - 72.8% Black or African American
 - 17.6% White
 - 9.6% other
 - 46% male (median age 30 yrs)
 - 54% female (median age 33 yrs)
- **Fliers approved at Area** should be sent to COASCNA@gmail.com as soon as possible. If we wait until the minutes come out, there may be a long delay before they make it onto the website.
 - Our webmaster does a great job of keeping Group meetings up to date, adding new events, and making modifications to subcommittee meeting dates and times, and making changes to office hours, etc. **Updates are done about once per week**, so please take that into consideration if there are any upcoming changes.
- **Groups are encouraged to review meeting information** on the website to confirm that all information is accurate, including the virtual meeting link and passcode (if any). Send all meeting changes to COASCNA@gmail.com . It is our responsibility to make sure that addicts seeking recovery can trust the meeting information on our website, and PR needs the help of all groups and individual members to make sure that meeting information is up to date. This information also feeds into NA.org, and into the phone number 844-991-2962 and Facebook ArchSearch where you can search for meetings.

MARKET: Columbus, OH BOARD #: 14004A ADDRESS: East 5th Ave, 200' E of Sunbury Road, F/E



18+ Weekly Imp: 43,879
 Size: 105'x30'
 Area: Columbus
 Zip Code: 43219
 Lat/Lon: 39.96055
 Longitude: -82.946335
 Material: Vinyl
 Illuminated: Yes
 Extension: Yes
 Spec Sheet: 03
 gettylink ID: 1499066
 Restrictions: Alcohol, Tobacco