

## Minutes Rocky Mountain Forum

August 12, 2000

The meeting was opened at 1:45 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer. In attendance were Utah, Colorado and Wyoming. Pam (UT) was asked to facilitate. The letter from Montana was read first. Rocky (WY) explained that a member of NA for us to use donated the room and what the area was doing that evening for our enjoyment. Joanne (CO) suggested going around the room and tell what our regions wanted out of this forum. Liz (RD UT) talked about funding and outreach. Terry ( RDA UT) talked about building up unity in this part of the country; pick speakers for our conventions and learning days from our forums. Brought \$50.00 from Utah for seed money. Bill ( RDA WY) said WY was confused about where they belonged, Plains States Forum or Western States Forum. They want to have reality the same as the states around them. Areas are struggling, don't want to go so far away, but willing to go to Montana and find out what we can do to help their region. Brought \$50.00 seed money. **How do we help outlying regions?** Artery ( CHAIR WY) need to get together within our regions seemed to be the consensus of all present. Rocky (WY) hard to fill service positions and sponsor positions, says outreach is essential. Liked what he heard so far. John P ( RCM No. UT) lots of complacency in his area. Hears lots of fear from Montana. Terry ( RDA UT) shared how when a convention goes to an area that NA grows. Could be the same with the Forum coming. Steve ( RCM WY) just excited to be at the forum. Lloyd (RCM So. UT) (Webmaster UT) asked how many addicts in each region and shared about the multitude of addicts in Western States Forum's regions. Talked about using GSRs to do H & I and PI work and be responsible for their particular isolated areas. Said Internet is great tool. Also suggested car pools to get many addicts to the forum meetings. JoAnn (CO) talked about Mountain passes being tough in winter to get to outlying areas. Offered services to forum. Suggested new position at region, forum liaison, but it was decided it was the RDs job and that we would not be meeting that often. Bob (RD CO) does not see forum as another level of service. Wants to explore technological services to network the regions. Become a clearinghouse for problems, use as a resource and answer Montana's questions. No seed money just lucky to get there. **Ryan ( RDA CO) (RCM Boulder Area)** His area has same questions as MT. Good idea to bring forum to MT. Smoke break Terry (RDA UT) suggested contacting Montana and asking if they would like to host us next meeting. Discussed best time, decided June and it was suggested that Montana might like to do it at the same time as their big gathering in June.

Pam said she would email them and ask. An alternative was picked if they said no. Boulder area in CO. A decision was made to open a savings account for the seed money because we did not need to pay for our meeting room in WY, but could then use it for the future, for meeting space or to help a region get to the forum if need be. JoAnn (CO) voted in as treasurer after qualifying

herself She gave Utah and Wyoming a hand written receipt until the forum could purchase a receipt book. Lloyd (RCM So. UT) suggested we break into two groups and discuss a mission statement in one and our biggest problems with solutions in the other. Before we did that we voted in Pam (UT) as chair/facilitator/liaison World Board and Liz (RD UT) secretary. Smoke break Break into small groups Mission statement group came to consensus. Talked about guidelines. Executive committee, all addicts can participate, 76' tradition, seek member regions for speakers. Problems and solutions group outlined their problems and solutions.

Problems:	outreach	Solution:	move meeting
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Car pool

Lack of addicts to do service	sponsorship
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Service statements

Flow of ftmds	trust the servants
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Communication	email
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Multi•regional calendar

Old•timers staying	invite them to serve or share
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Lack of women	stress women with women
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And men with men

Carry message	through sub•committees
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PI and H&I

Reconvene as large group and summarize day

Picked next meeting place and time and month

Took care of seed money

Answered what are we about

Made sure all of Montana's questions were answered

Planned how to get where we wanted to go

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.