How Do Virtual Meetings Connect to the Service System?
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That one special person

“A sponsor is not necessarily a friend, but may be someone in whom we confide. We can share things with our sponsor that we might not be comfortable sharing in a meeting.” IP No. 11, Sponsorship, Revised

We’ve asked someone to sponsor us, and the reasons we have for asking that particular person are as many as the grains of sand on a beach. Perhaps we heard them share at a speaker meeting and thought they were funny or inspiring. Perhaps we thought they had a great car and we would get one by working the same program they work. Or maybe we live in a small town and they were the only person who had the time available to help.

Whatever our initial reasons for getting the sponsor we have, we’re sure to find that our reasons for keeping them are quite different. Suddenly they’ll amaze us with some stunning insight, making us wonder whether they’ve been sneaking peeks at our Fourth Step. Or maybe we’re going through some sort of life crisis, and their experience with the same problem helps us in ways we never dreamed possible. We call them in pain, and they come up with a special combination of caring words that provide genuine comfort.

None of these remarkable feats on the part of our sponsor are mere coincidence. They’ve simply walked the same path before us. A Higher Power has placed that one special person in our lives, and we are grateful for their presence.

Just for today: I will appreciate that one special person in my life—my sponsor.
Challenges and Opportunities

- NA worldwide rose to the challenge
- New ways to provide services
- Challenges for some
- The landscape may change again
- There may not be answers to every question
- What is happening where you are?
Webinar format

- Great for large groups
- Streaming on YouTube: link at www.na.org/toolbox
- Type questions in the Q&A box
- If your question doesn’t get addressed please write to toolbox@na.org
- Report will contain a summary of presentations and answers to questions www.na.org/virtual
Local Service Toolbox Project

- Several tools produced in previous years:
  - GSR Basics, CBDM Basics, and Serving NA in Rural and Isolated Communities
- These are posted on the project page: www.na.org/toolbox
- Now the project is focused on virtual meetings and carrying the message effectively and virtually
Select a language

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Sélectionnez une langue

Seleziona una lingua

Selezione um idioma

Выберите язык

Selecciona un idioma
Not one, but two developments

- Draft outline of a virtual meetings best practices tool is posted
  - One topic concerns literature distribution. Reminder: *An Introductory Guide to Narcotics Anonymous*

- Second survey:
  #1: How are virtual meetings connecting to the service structure and participating in the NA service system?

Everything can be found on the project page: [www.na.org/toolbox](http://www.na.org/toolbox)
Second survey:
#2: Do you believe virtual meetings should be recognized as NA groups?

What is an NA group?
When two or more addicts come together to help each other stay clean, they may form a Narcotics Anonymous group. Here are six points based on our Traditions which describe an NA group:

1. All members of a group are drug addicts, and all drug addicts are eligible for membership.
2. As a group, they are self-supporting.
3. As a group, their single goal is to help drug addicts recover through application of the Twelve Steps of Narcotics Anonymous.
4. As a group, they have no affiliation outside Narcotics Anonymous.
5. As a group, they express no opinion on outside issues.
6. As a group, their public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion.
There is a new virtual meeting form!

Is your information current?

The link is on top of the virtual materials page: www.na.org/virtual
Presenters

Resources posted: www.na.org/virtual

Type questions into Q&A box

✓ Only able to respond to questions typed in English
✓ Keep your questions brief
✓ Email questions or experiences: toolbox@na.org

Brian: The No Matter What Group
Dan: Virtual Support Forum
Kim and Stuart: Saturday Night Virtual Speaker Meeting, Washington State
Soliman and Mohamed, Egypt
Anna: Quarantined NA San Diego group
Rusty: Stay at Home Group, Alabama
Beverly: Internationally Known Recovery group
Virtual Support Forum

January 24, 2021
February 28, 2021
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April 25, 2021
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June 27, 2021

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12pm PST, 1pm MST, 2pm CST, 3pm EST

A place where virtual NA meetings, groups, and areas can share ideas, views, and experiences!

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Background and Creation of the VSF

• A couple of years ago discussions started between various virtual groups. Questions arose as to how virtual meetings fit in our fellowship. Some virtual groups and areas are a part of existing areas or regions. Other virtual groups are neither connected nor want to be connected to the existing service structure. Many of these groups are questioning their role in the NA fellowship.

• Over the past year there have been several ad-hoc workshops and learning days sponsored by NAWS, Zones, Regions, and Virtual Groups that presented an opportunity for virtual entities to meet and learn from one another. But there has never been a consistent forum where we could meet on a regular basis, like an area service committee, to support one another, share ideas, and look towards the future. For these reasons, the VSF was created.
WHAT IS THE VIRTUAL SERCIVE FORUM AND WHAT IS OUR PRIMARY PURPOSE TODAY?

Welcome to the Virtual Support Forum. The VSF was created by a group of NA members to bring together virtual communities to listen, and to learn about other virtual communities and find the best way that we can support one another in our primary purpose to carry the message to the addict who still suffers. This is YOUR forum. We are here to facilitate YOUR communications. We invite each of you to use this forum to start your own grass-roots movement. To where? That's for you to decide.
WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE VIRTUAL SUPPORT FORUM?

Let's come together today to share our individual virtual experiences and to generate new creative and inspiring strategic thinking in the support, development, and growth of virtual communities. The goal of the VSF is to learn what is functioning best in the virtual NA world, visualize the direction that we are heading, in hopes that collectively, we can find a form that follows function, and satisfy the needs of virtual communities.
VSF 1 – Think Tanks

- Held four Think Tank meetings prior to VSF 1.
- Determined VSF purpose & goal.
- Decided VSF would be a facilitator not an overseer.
- Wanted groups to decide what form would follow function.

VSF 1 - January 24, 2021.

- Attended by approximately 65 groups.
- Had 5 pre-selected presenters from established virtual groups.
- Broke up group into two sessions to allow all participants time to share.
- Gathered at the end for Q&A and to summarize the discussions.
VSF 2 – Think Tanks

- Held three Think Tank meetings prior to VSF 2.
- Reviewed discussions from VSF 1
- Decided to create a Poll based on input received from VSF 1.

VSF 2 - February 28, 2021.

- Attended by approximately 60 groups.
- Poll determined what breakout rooms to facilitate discussions.
- Attendees could jump in and out of breakout rooms
- Gathered at the end for Q&A and to summarize the discussions.
Future VSF’s - Zoom: 479-545-4110 pwd: qna

4th Sunday 3pm EST

• VSF 3 - Sunday March 28th
• VSF 4 – Sunday April 25th
• VSF 5 – Sunday May 23rd
• VSF 6 – Sunday June 27th

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Come see for yourself!

Current activity at NA World Services aka NAWS Update

You’ve seen it at zonal meetings or other service meetings or events. Now you can see it LIVE!!

20 March
11 am – 1 pm PDT

Venha conferir!
As atividades atuais dos Serviços Mundiais também chamado de NAWS Update
Como é feito em reuniões zonais e outras reuniões ou eventos de serviço. Agora, você pode assistir AO VIVO!

ID do Webinar: 948 1479 3098
Haverá tradução para espanhol e português.
Faça contato com wb@na.org caso precise de intérprete para outro idioma.

www.na.org/webinar

Ven a verlo Tu mismo
Actividad actual en los Servicios Mundiales de NA Actualización SMNA
Tu lo has visto en reuniones Zonales o en otros eventos o reuniones de servicio
Ahora puedes verlo en VIVO!!

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1 May

NAWS will be hosting a webinar devoted to the gifts of NA service

11:00am-1:pm PDT

More information: www.na.org/webinar
Thank you

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Grazie

Merci

Obrigado

Спасибо

Gracias