

NAWS Environmental Scan

This is an opportunity for the Central Atlantic Region to provide input up front, directly influencing the NAWS Strategic Plan by providing data they can consider as part of our environmental scan. This scan reflects NAW's best efforts to capture trends and issues— both within and outside of the Fellowship—that affect NA. The deadline for giving input on this survey is April 24th. There are three other ways to submit your area's input. You may call your delegate with this information, you may send a scanned copy of the survey via email to rd@car-na.org, you may hand in a paper copy at the April RSC or you complete the form online* at <http://tinyurl.com/NAWSscan>. (* Preferred method)

Email address _____

Please let us know which area you represent _____

External Scan

The purpose of this section is to help us understand the world surrounding NA meetings, including NA's relationships with the public, professionals, and governments. (Please check your response)

1. How do you perceive NA's relationships with the public, with outside organizations and with professionals in your Area?

We need to do better We are doing OK We are doing really well Unsure/Unknown

2. Indicate what you believe to be NA's relationships with professionals and organizations working in the following fields within your Area:

a. Medical/Healthcare

We need to do better We are doing OK We are doing really well Unsure/Unknown

b. Treatment

We need to do better We are doing OK We are doing really well Unsure/Unknown

c. Corrections

We need to do better We are doing OK We are doing really well Unsure/Unknown

d. Social Workers

We need to do better We are doing OK We are doing really well Unsure/Unknown

e. Judicial

We need to do better We are doing OK We are doing really well Unsure/Unknown

f. Government/Municipal

We need to do better We are doing OK We are doing really well Unsure/Unknown

g. Law Enforcement

We need to do better We are doing OK We are doing really well Unsure/Unknown

h. Schools

We need to do better We are doing OK We are doing really well Unsure/Unknown

i. Other: _____

3. Past External Trends

Previous environmental scans revealed the trends listed below. Please indicate the degree to which each of these continues to affect NA in your Area.

a. Increased use of drug replacement therapy and/or medication to treat addiction

Little to no impact Low Impact High Impact

b. Proliferation of drug courts

Little to no impact Low Impact High Impact

c. Difficulty in being approved to access institutions for panels or meetings

Little to no impact Low Impact High Impact

d. Increase in prescribed medication for our members

Little to no impact Low Impact High Impact

e. Medicalization of Marijuana

Little to no impact Low Impact High Impact

f. Other: _____

g. If you have any issues of high impact, please tell us more about them here:

4. Are there other major external issues that require Fellowship-wide discussion and/or tools? Please tell us

how you see these needs: _____

INTERNAL SCAN

The purpose of this section is to help NAWS understand NA communities in our region, including perceptions about meetings and the service system.

5. How do you perceive the overall effectiveness of groups in your Area?

We need to do better We are doing OK We are doing really well Unsure/Unknown

Comments _____

6. How do you perceive the overall effectiveness of your area?

We need to do better We are doing OK We are doing really well Unsure/Unknown

Comments _____

7. How do you perceive the overall effectiveness of your region?

We need to do better We are doing OK We are doing really well Unsure/Unknown

Comments _____

8. We have talked a lot about an atmosphere of recovery in recent cycles.

Do you perceive that this exists:

a. In most groups in your Area?

We need to do better We are doing OK We are doing really well Unsure/Unknown

Comments _____

b. In most area service committees in your Area?

We need to do better We are doing OK We are doing really well Unsure/Unknown

Comments _____

c. At your regional service committee?

We need to do better We are doing OK We are doing really well Unsure/Unknown

Comments _____

d. At your Area?

We need to do better We are doing OK We are doing really well Unsure/Unknown

Comments _____

9. How do you perceive the overall effectiveness of your zone?

We need to do better We are doing OK We are doing really well Unsure/Unknown

Comments _____

10. How do you perceive the overall effectiveness of NA World Services?

We need to do better We are doing OK We are doing really well Unsure/Unknown

Comments _____

11. What do you see as the biggest struggles faced by groups in your Area? Please check those that apply and add to the list as needed.

- Carrying the message
- Unity
- Funding
- Atmosphere of recovery
- Lack of Trusted Servants
- Other: _____

12. Which of these do you understand to be the biggest struggles faced by your areas and/or region? (This list was taken from the 2016 regional reports.) Please check those that apply and add to the list as needed.

- Atmosphere of recovery
- Lack of trusted servants
- Apathy
- Retaining members with time
- Legal and governmental issues
- Unity
- Service Structure
- Strong personalities
- Training and mentoring
- Funding
- Accountability and connection
- Events
- Planning
- Area splits
- Communication
- Problem solving
- Illicit literature
- Other issues _____

13. Do you believe there is a need for additional resources to address any of the issues you checked above?

- Yes No

If so, please let us know what resources would be helpful. _____

14. Have there been any notable new efforts or areas of success within your region/area?

- Yes No

If yes please tell us about them.

15. Have you noticed any significant changes in the demographics of the Fellowship in your area/region? (More or fewer older members, youth, race/ethnicity, etc.)

- Yes No

If yes, what changes have you noticed? _____

16. Are there any other major issues that you would like to see addressed in the upcoming planning cycle?

17. Are the needs of the Fellowship in your area/region changing significantly? If so, how?
