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To:     Autonomy Zonal Forum  
          Midwest Zonal Forum  
          Northeast Zonal Forum  
          Plains States Zonal Forum  
          Rocky Mountain Zonal Forum  
          Southeast Zonal Forum  
          Southern Zonal Forum  
          Western States Zonal Forum

From: The Collaboration of US Zones

Attached please find a **Vision and Purpose Statement** for the unified services that could be provided by a collaboration of the Zonal Forums of Narcotics Anonymous in the US. **We are asking US Zonal Forums to review these documents and asking Regional Delegates to share them with Regions and members of the fellowship.**

This endeavor is not to form or replace any existing service body but **to become a central hub to collect service requests and act as a portal** to communicate with the associated local community. Through this collaboration we hope to help support local NA communities. This support can be through training, mentoring, and working together, or, in coordination with local service bodies, fulfilling the service request.

The Purpose Statement indicates how a project-based, informal process could better gather information and respond to requests in a timely manner. **We hope this effort will allow us to harness underutilized resources** in a way that serves the fellowship and, ultimately, NA Groups' primary purpose of carrying the message to the addicts who still suffer.

If your Zone would like this informal collaboration to serve on a national level and agree with the Vision and Purpose Statements, **please direct your US Zonal Representatives to indicate the conscience of your zone at the next session of the Collaboration of US Zones on July 11, 2021**

These statements emerged after several months of discussion. The Zonal Forums within the US have been considering ways our fellowship could benefit from collaboration. Representatives from every Zonal Forum in the US participated at some point in the process for developing these statements. Many ideas have been considered and many members have found themselves excited about the possibilities. However, as with any Fellowship collaboration, we need our members. The **Vision and Purpose Statement** is the first step.

Thanks for your consideration!

In loving service,

The Collaboration of US Zones

Attachments

## Collaboration of US Zones – Vision Statement

Through the collaborative efforts of the US Zones of NA, we are inspired in unity to coordinate services of which this collective is uniquely qualified. This collaboration seeks to provide a source of experience and inspiration to share with NA communities, as requested by the US Zones. This assistance will help communities grow critical services to fulfill our primary purpose that no addict seeking recovery from addiction need ever die.

To accomplish this, a collaboration of US Zones will strive to:

- Raise awareness of the zones in the US as positive, reliable, and valuable assets in achieving our primary purpose.
- Provide a national resource that brings consistency and accessibility to communications within the fellowship and with the public in the US.
- Provide internal services and training to US Zones and local NA communities in public relations, fellowship development, technology, and communications.
- Be strategic in its planning and offer project-based resources when requested.
- Energize and stimulate the growth of NA in the United States by enhancing cooperation, coordination, and information sharing.

A collaboration of US Zones will be directly accountable to the zones of the US. It will include the US Zones in its discussions and projects with both regular reporting and active listening. It will strive to be responsive to requests for help from any service body, and closely coordinate and collaborate with the US Zones. We will always remember who we serve and why.

## **Collaboration of US Zones – Purpose Statement**

### **Zonal Statement**

A collaboration of US Zones will strive to improve awareness of our zones as assets to our local service bodies. Identification and utilization of the untapped resources in our zones will come as we share knowledge and our service experience.

### **Communications Statement**

A collaboration of US Zones will strive to act as a national communications hub to enable simple and accessible communications within NA and with the public. This will enable addicts and the public to connect to the recovery, service, and information source in their local community. Whenever people reach out to NA in the US, this collaboration will strive to connect them to an addict, service body, or NA information source.

### **Technology Statement**

A collaboration of US Zones will strive to improve our service efforts through technology. The goal is to enable NA members to work together to leverage technology in creating systems and processes to enhance our ability to reach the addict that still suffers.

### **PR Statement**

A collaboration of US Zones will strive to improve our PR efforts by galvanizing the unity of NA's message within the US. By supporting efforts to nationally interface with the public, we can have a national presence that will validate NA as a resource.

A national PR effort will strive to: (1) address the issues that only a US body can accomplish (2) provide a centralized point of contact, i.e., a website/phoneline to enable the public to better seek us out, (3) assist our fellowship in providing national PSA's (4) Communicate and coordinate information and attendance at national conferences.

### **Fellowship Development/Outreach Statement**

A collaboration of US Zones will strive to improve our Fellowship Development/Outreach efforts by growing NA's presence in isolated communities. We will strive to offer project-based services and mentorship. We will strive to map where NA is not so we can identify where NA services are most needed across the US. All Fellowship Development/Outreach activities will be in collaboration with the local zone.

### **Accountability Statement**

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