

Introduction to the San Fernando Valley Area Inventory and Planning Tool

What is the basic purpose of the area?
How well are we fulfilling that purpose?

The SFVASCNA meets monthly to discuss matters and administer those services that particularly relate to our relationship to the public such as PI & Phonelines. For the addict unable to get to meetings we have H&I. Activities provide a clean and safe environment for picnics, dances, and other opportunities to socialize. Our area by a decision of the ASC organizes and puts on an annual Convention. We also produce and distribute a Newsletter. Possibly the most important function we provide is the purchasing and distribution of NA Literature. These are all tasks that if taken on at the group level would likely cause chaos and impinge on a groups 5th Tradition responsibility. It is the gathering of the GSRs & the ASC, which deliberates and enacts resolutions concerning service matters brought before it in keeping with the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts of Narcotics Anonymous Service.

The area acts at the direction of the groups. Groups often will as the result of the concerns of its members, bring those concerns before the body for clarification or resolution. A particular group has asked that the ASC under take an inventory which hopefully would clarify where the area was performing well, where it was falling short. That we might acknowledge where we are doing well and what appropriate actions we might take to address our shortcomings.

We have gotten an inventory form from the WSO, it has a history of being useful, is easy to fill out, is thorough, and easy to interpret.

However we only get results if we participate, as in our lives and our recovery it only works if you work it! Please look over the Area Planning Tool form that is attached, make copies, download from our website, circulate it at meetings and gatherings, discuss with your groups, discuss with your sponsors and sponsees,

Humbly submitted in loving service,
Alan T.

SFV AREA INVENTORY

Members or groups can answer each question with a number from one to five, using a 1 to 5 (low to high) scale =	
1 = Not at all	2 = Needs improvement
3 = Adequate	4 = Good 5 = Excellant
When the numbers are totaled for each question, the area can see what most needs improvement (1) and what is going quite well already (5).	
When completed, give this form to your group GSR, Scan and email it to AreaChair@nasfv.com or print and mail it to SFVASCNA, PO Box 4143, Panorama City, CA 91412	

How well has the area served local groups this year? (1 low to 5 high)

- How well does the area communicate with local groups? _____
- How well does the area respond to the needs of local groups? _____
- How well is the area managing its donations and area treasury? _____
- How effectively does the area demonstrate responsibility and accountability? _____
- How fully does the area train and support members who serve on the area service committee? _____
- How well does the area service committee foster an atmosphere of courtesy and mutual respect? _____
- How completely does the area provide opportunities for communication about committee concerns to the local members and groups? _____
- How well is a sense of unity fostered within the area service body? _____
- How positively is a sense of unity shown within local groups? _____
- What is the area's experience with trusted servants? _____
- How well has the area fostered the willingness of the local fellowship to volunteer for service positions? _____
- How well does the area practice continuity and rotation? _____
- How well does the area function in maintaining a full complement of trusted servants, with no open commitments? _____
- How fully does the area create an environment where the conscience of the body guides the decisions and direction of the area? _____

How well has the area done this year in making NA's message more widely known in the larger community? (1 low to 5 high)

- How well is the area communicating with those in the community who interact with addicts? _____
- How completely does the area respond to the needs of the larger community?

- How well is the area using human and financial resources to carry NA's message of recovery in an efficient and effective way? _____

- How fully trained and supported are the trusted servants who interact with members of the community? _____
- How well has the area built cooperative relationships with those in the larger community? _____
- How easily can those in the larger community reach an NA member who is in a position to respond to their questions or requests? _____

How well has the area cooperated and collaborated with the region and NA World Services this year? (1 low to 5 high)

- How effectively does the area communicate with the region and with NA World Services? _____
- How well does the area respond to requests from the region and from NA World Services? _____
- How fully does the area share its needs and concerns with the region and NA World Services? _____
- How reliably does the area forward funds to the region and/or NA World Services? _____
- How effectively does the area use resources (such as written materials or experience from other trusted servants) that are available through the region and/or NA World Services? _____
- How fully has the area formed a cooperative relationship with the region and NA World Services? _____
- How well is the area creating a sense of unity with the region and NA World Services? _____
- Is there any particular area of service and/or area function that you perceive is outstanding? _____ Please identify:

- Is there any particular area of service and/or area function that you perceive would need improvement? _____ Please identify: