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Number of meetings in Region: Minnesota, 15 in twin city area (minneapolis & St. Paul). 6-8 outstate region. North Dakota -5. South Dakota - 3 known. Approx. size of membership: Minnesota - 400; North Dakota -200. South Dskota - 50. About 1½ years ago none of this committee would recognize NA. H & I has since experienced the most growth. In Minneapolis and St. Paul there are about 60 treatment centers. Minnesota has 10 hospital meetings and 6 institutional meetings. North Dakota it's unknown. To our knowledge South Dakota has no H & I meetings. Major accomplishments and activities: ASC and RSC formation; rapid growth of number of meetings region wide, with only 6 meetings 1½ years ago; service structure workshops; NA recognized by court system as viable fellowship for parole-probation conditions; books available to all dope fiends in all treatment centers (over 60 in and out patient programs); Transportation available to any treatment patient not in center with meeting. Trip to Hastings in 4 feet of snow on the ground. A group of people made it and room was filled, doors leading out locked. Public Information: effort in Dec. and Jan. to make our presence know to all probation/parole officers, help-lines crisis centers, PHP's, HMO's and treatment centers, supplied with hotline numbers and meeting lists and books. First clubhouse is in progress at Mission Farms. Hotline currently operating with plans for region wide 800 number. Specific problems or situations: Lack of understanding of cooperation, not affiliation. A lot of treatment centers affiliated with other 12 step program. Freezin' our sick butts off.. Plans for coming year: Support development of other ASC's in our region; 800 hotline number; Regional service conference; regional banquet a and weekend fling; sub-committee system. Brief history: First known meeting in Region in Minneapolis in 1976. Meeting split in 1977 to form 2. Also in 1978, three other meetings formed. By spring of 1980 there were six known NA meetings in the Minneapolis area. Four more meetings formed in 1981 in St. Paul and Minneapolis, with 4 forming outstate (Northfield, Duluth, Hastings and St. Cloud). In 1982, thus far, 3 new meetings have started. History of Dakota's is currently unknown. Final thing I bring from my Region is ther is a scattered

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opinion on Book. Ranges from what I call the dope fiends who will take anything they have because they need it and the hope fiends who wait for better because they only want it.