

Buffalo Intergroup

Treatment Facilities Committee

Working with Others!

- *“Practical experience shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from **drinking** as intensive work with other **alcoholics**. It works when other activities fail.”*

Chapter 7 of the Big Book, p89

Beginning of 12th Step Work in Treatment Facilities...

- In 1935, after several months of sobriety, Bill W. returned to Towns Hospital in NYC to start carrying the message of a possible means of recovery! This was the beginning of 12th step work in Hospitals
- In that same year Dr. Bob, a surgeon at St. Thomas Hospital in Akron, Ohio, got sober. There, he, along with the loving assistance of Sister Ignatia, established an alcoholic ward. Together they reached over 5,000 alcoholics!



Purposes of the Treatment Facilities Committee, TFC

- Establishes Relationships with Treatment Facilities (Detoxes and Rehabs) to bring A.A. meetings in.
- Will coordinate and maintain “*Bridging The Gap*” for patients getting out of rehabs.

A.A. Groups/Members Service Work!

- TFC encourages A.A. groups or members to sponsor an A.A. meeting (*current or new*) in a facility as another form of service work for 1 year.
- TFC coordinates those groups or members by outlining the protocols and formats of current meetings and assisting in forming new meetings in the facilities.
- It is recommended that groups sponsoring a meeting in a facility have a representative from their group sit on the TFC.

How Do We Maintain our Relationships with Treatment Facilities

- Remembering we are Guests at the facilities is important!
- Cooperating with their rules and regulations is primary!
- Remember, we are a *representation* of Alcoholics Anonymous!

E.C.M.C. Detox & Rehab Meeting Night

- Please remember to bring photo ID!
- Please make arrangements to meet in the Lobby 15 minutes *before* the meeting begins. This allows enough time to set up the room, put out the literature and greet the patients. It is important that the meetings, Detox and Rehab, start on time, 6:00 p.m.
- Take Elevators to the 9th Floor.

A.A. Traditions/12th Step Work!

- 1. Personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.
- 5. Each group has but one primary purpose; to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.
- 6. An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.
- 7. Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.
- 10. Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.
- 11. Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films.

Chair/Speaker Requirements

- Have been out of E.C.M.C. Detox and/or Rehab for 3 months (**Required by E.C.M.C. Detox & Rehab Administrators**)
- Have a Sponsor
- Have a Home Group
- Have at least 3 months of continuous sobriety
- Be in the process of working or have completed the 12 Steps.
- Bill W. and Dr. Bob worked the tenets discussed earlier as soon as they were sober. This enabled them to give hope and encouragement to other suffering alcoholics.

Questions, Comments or Concerns?

- If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel to contact Chair of the Intergroup Treatment Committee.
- Call: Central Office for number
- Email: jrschott06@gmail.com
- Or, you can attend our monthly committee meeting on the 1st Sunday of every month at 5:30 p.m. located at St. Michael's Church, 651 Washington St., Buffalo, NY 14203