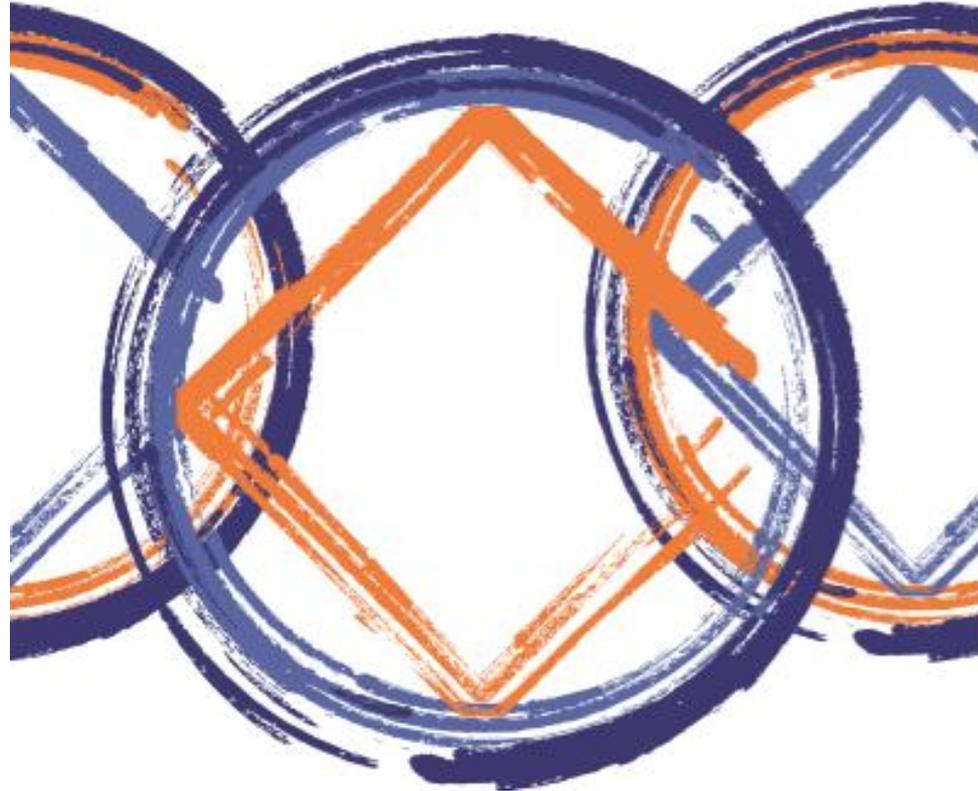


Greater San Jose Area Narcotics Anonymous



Hospitals & Institutions and Public Information
Working in Unity

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Tradition Based Service

- ▶ Tradition One – Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends on NA unity.
 - ▶ Tradition Nine – NA, as such, ought never be organized, but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.
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H&I, a perspective

- ▶ Many Narcotics Anonymous members have found Hospitals and Institutions service to be an important part of their personal recovery. Our members, who actively participate in H&I service, are very important resources in our fellowship. A commitment to H&I service is one of the many ways to become involved with the NA service structure and help us feel a part of our fellowship.

H&I, a perspective

- ▶ We know that active addiction leads to jails, institutions, and death. Also, NA's primary purpose is to carry the message of recovery to the addict who still suffers. It is not surprising that carrying the NA message of recovery into hospitals and institutions is one of our priorities. NA members have consistently supported this belief by forming Hospitals and Institutions (H&I) committees around the world

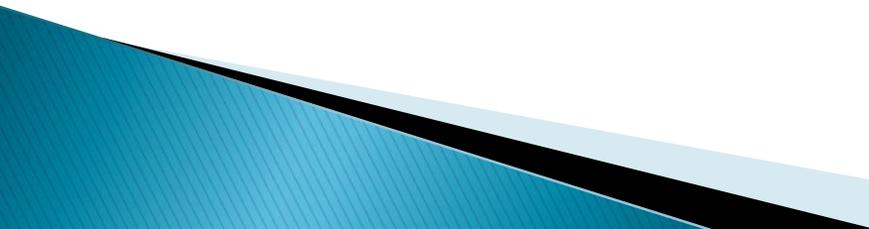
What Is an H&I Meeting?

- ▶ The purpose of an H&I meeting is to carry the message of recovery to addicts who do not have full access to regular Narcotics Anonymous meetings. H&I meetings, except for those in long-term facilities, are intended to introduce those addicts in attendance to the basics of the NA program. In order to form a clear understanding of an H&I meeting, it is important to learn about our service structure. subcommittee

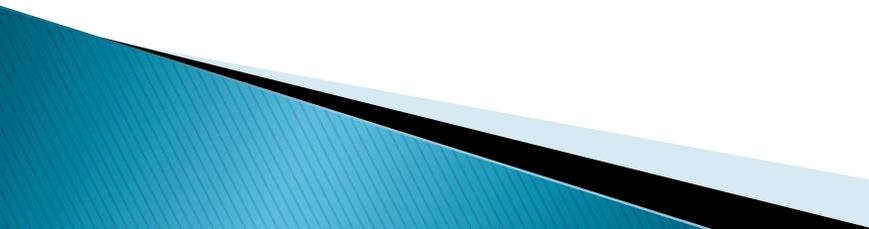
What Is an H&I Meeting?

- ▶ An H&I meeting is generally a service provided by an area service committee's H&I subcommittee. These meetings occur in hospitals, treatment centers, correctional facilities, and adolescent institutions. Rather than being an NA group, it is vital that an H&I meeting always be held under the direction of an H&I Subcommittee.

Hospitals and Institutions Service and the NA Member, IP # 20



H&I in the Greater San Jose Area

- ▶ The GSJANA H&I Subcommittee brings twenty meeting a week to those who cannot get out to meetings.
 - ▶ For many addicts, an H&I meeting is the first exposure to Narcotics Anonymous they will see.
 - ▶ Many of our local members started their journey of recovery by attending an H&I meeting.
 - ▶ H&I also supports addicts through the **Working the Steps with Inmates** program.
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Why Public Information?

- ▶ Carrying the NA message has been an important part of many of our members' recovery and has helped some of us to discover and develop our abilities. The NA message of recovery can reach a great many people with your support. Participating in the PI committee gives you a chance to make a positive difference in the lives of others.



What is the importance of Anonymity?

- ▶ This is a “we” program, and in public information the concept that “I can’t, we can” is vital. Our spiritual foundation of anonymity can be seriously damaged by members acting independently. We do not give our last names nor appear in the media as members of Narcotics Anonymous.

PI and the NA Member, IP #15

What is the importance of Anonymity?

- ▶ As part of our spiritual program of recovery, we avoid self-promotion in favor of a more humble style of service. In our experience, members who become “media stars” in relationship to their membership in NA run the risk of placing the spiritual foundation of their recovery in jeopardy as well as giving the public an inaccurate perspective of recovery in NA.



One Addict Helping Another...

Towards Freedom From Active Addiction

H&I and Public Information Cooperation In NA

- ▶ In NA communities that have both a PI and an H&I committee, it may be helpful for them to work together when planning activities. These activities can include presentations to drug courts or treatment centers. Generally, PI or PR activities are geared to people outside our fellowship, often people who come in contact with addicts and can help addicts to find NA.

H&I and Public Information Cooperation In NA

- ▶ Although H&I usually has the responsibility to provide panel meetings, trusted servants from both committees may be involved with presentations in facilities that house potential members. Working together is an example of communication and sharing resources in action. In emerging and developing NA communities, a group or one service committee may provide services.

The Role of Public Information

- ▶ The role of the PI committee is to ensure that clear and accurate information about NA is available to the public. The demand for information about our fellowship is greater than ever. Being part of a committee that brings suffering addicts to our fellowship is a reward that cannot be expressed, only experienced.

Take Aways

- ▶ Narcotics Anonymous is, and has always been a “We” Program.
 - ▶ The therapeutic value of one addict helping another is without parallel.
 - ▶ We can do together what we cannot do alone.
 - ▶ Recovery depends on NA Unity.
 - ▶ We hope that you will find the value in service to the still suffering addict that we have found.
 - ▶ Come join us.
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BRINGING THE MESSAGE IN... TO HELP THE ADDICT OUT! (H&I)

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PUTTING THE MESSAGE OUT...
TO BRING THE ADDICT IN (PI)