

## Motion 1 to Amend the Anchorage Guidelines

This amendment would make a provision in our Area Guidelines for Group Support Forum(s). It would establish an Article 12 called "Group Support Forum":

### **Article XII Group Support Forum (GSF)**

#### **Section 1**

1. **PURPOSE:** The Group Support Forum (GSF) is intended to help our groups better carry our message within our meetings by separating group support from the "business" of providing NA services. The GSF gives groups the opportunity to share problems they may be encountering and to seek solutions from each other, to talk about what's working well, and to have informal workshops on topics of their choice while avoiding the distraction of discussions about complex services provided outside the group. The GSF functions as a discussion-based gathering of the local NA community and may be an easier or less intimidating way for some members to get introduced to service. The GSF is intended to be like a community or neighborhood gathering, not another level of service.

#### **Section 2**

1. Two or more groups in the Anchorage Area may form a ***Group Support Forum (GSF)***.
2. The Area groups may convene a Group Support Forum to discuss topic(s) or issue(s) of concern to our members. There is no quorum necessary for a GSF.
3. **GSF ACTIVITY:**
  - Welcome and outreach to new groups and members
  - Informal discussion of group issues and sharing of solutions
  - Information sharing (e.g., upcoming events, new literature, discussion topics)
  - Checking accuracy of meeting information and creation of local meeting list if needed
  - Introduction to service (e.g. introduction to service literature, traditions, concepts, etc.)
  - Training and mentoring (Fellowship development such as -- GSR training, H&I Orientation, Literature Development, PR, and outreach)
  - Some GSFs may provide options for groups to order literature and contribute funds to other levels of service
  - In some circumstances, GSFs may be involved in some service delivery (e.g., putting up flyers in the community or supporting a local H&I meeting)
4. **ORGANIZATION**

The Group Support Forum should be characterized by informality rather than structure. On the other hand, the GSF groups should pick a facilitator to moderate discussion. Likewise, the members should identify the purpose or agenda for a GSF meeting.

**Intent:** The intent of this motion is to better serve the groups and our fellowship by providing a more discussion friendly venue than is generally available at our Area meeting. The GSF is intended as a tool that invites or encourages groups to get together to solve issues or address common interests.