Western Russia region
PREDATORY BEHAVIOR
EXTRACT FROM THE IP

IN NA OUR PRIMARY PURPOSE - TO CARRY THE MESSAGE TO THE ADDICT WHO STILL SUFFERS.

WE SHOULD ALWAYS BE CONCERNED WITH THE SAFETY, PROTECTION, AND RECOVERY OF ALL OUR MEMBERS, ESPECIALLY NEWCOMERS.

IF ANY MEMBER IS HARASSED, THREATENED, OR ABUSED, OUR PRIMARY PURPOSE IS IN JEOPARDY. WHEN SOMEONE FEELS PHYSICALLY OR EMOTIONALLY UNSAFE DUE TO THE BEHAVIOR OF ANOTHER NA MEMBER, THEY MAY BE UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO REMAIN IN THE MEETING OR COME BACK AGAIN.

ONE OF THE MANIFESTATIONS OF THIS BEHAVIOR THAT WE SEE IN RECOVERY IS SEXUAL HARASSMENT. BECAUSE OF THE DELICACY OF THIS ISSUE, IT IS DIFFICULT TO DISCUSS.
SEXUAL HARASSMENT IS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF SOMEONE’S VULNERABILITIES IN PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL WAYS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO UNWANTED HUGGING, HARASSMENT, AND MANIPULATION TO OBTAIN SEXUAL RELATIONS.

WE SHOULD NOT TURN AWAY WHEN WE WITNESS HARASSMENT SITUATIONS, NOR SHOULD WE REFUSE TO TALK ABOUT IT, AS IT WILL INCREASE THE POSSIBILITY THAT IT WILL CONTINUE AND POSSIBLY HURT THE FELLOWSHIP AS A WHOLE. ALSO, IF WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE SITUATION AS A WHOLE OR SOMEONE’S BEHAVIOR SEEMS DANGEROUS TO OTHERS, THE FIRST THING WE SHOULD SHARE WITH OUR HOME GROUP OR OUR SPONSOR.

BREAKING THE SILENCE ON THIS TOPIC IS A SPIRITUAL ACT OF LOVE, FAITH, AND COURAGE THAT HAS THE POWER TO HELP OUR FELLOWSHIP RIGHT NOW AND IN THE FUTURE.
HOW WE GREETINGS NEWCOMER?
HOW DO YOU UNDERSTAND PREDATORY BEHAVIOR?
"In Narcotics Anonymous, we are concerned with protecting ourselves from ourselves"
SEXUAL HARASSMENT

- Man or woman offer ostensible support (Escort newcomer at home, share with experience of recovery, a heart-to-heart talk, invite for a walk)
FINANCIAL FRAUD

ATTRACTION NEWCOMERS TO ILLEGAL EARNINGS AND OTHER FINANCIAL FRAUDS

• What variants of such earnings have you encountered in NA?
• What is the threat of this behavior?
HONEYPOTS IN RECOVERY

Kvass, Chinese tea, energy drinks, smokeless tobacco

- Takes away from recovery
- Selling of smokeless tobacco within the groups
- Chinese tea with energy drinks
- Kvass, non-alcoholic beer
- An easy way to quit smoking (hookah, smokeless tobacco)
- Healthy lifestyle (pre-workout, anabolics)
THE ALLGED AND HURTED LEADERS IN NA

- Influencing on the opinion of uninformed people about the service structure, including through social networks
- Asking "tough" questions to servants at business meetings
- Disrupting of learning days/workshops, presentations, distorting information in their favor
- Influencing on decision making, pushing own decision and manipulating
- Sabotage - disrupting unity by the public "rock throwing" at the service structure
DIFFERENT TYPES OF DISCRIMINATIONS IN NA

- **Blocking of initiative in service, lack of rotation**
- «Old School» и «New School» (opioid drugs addicts and stimulants drugs addicts)
- Discrimination against sex minorities and on the basis of gender
- **Age discrimination**
- Discrimination on the basis of the right to be a member of NA ("you've been using drugs a short time!", "you are not a drug addict!")
- Discrimination by social criteria
DISEASES IN RECOVERY:

- Earning money on the 12 Steps program of NA (paid workshops, steps work for money and etc.)
- Using of a FIPT for one’s own purposes.
- Disapproval of other recovery’s fellowships.
- Excessive adherence to guidelines (meeting rules, sponsorships recommendations)
- Impairing the service structure («Why do we need WSO, Zonal Forum, RSC? We’re the group, we’re in charge!»)
VOLUNTARY NATURE OF SERVICE

• Forcing of service position for the sake of unity.
• Manipulations of the primary purpose of NA.
• Intolerance in service.
• A weak institution of the rotation principle.
HOW DO YOU UNDERSTAND PREDATORY BEHAVIOUR NOW?
WHAT OTHER KINDELS DO YOU KNOW?
HOW WE GREETINGS NEWCOMER?

HOW WE TAKE CARE OF THE NEWCOMER?

HOW WE PROTECT THE NEWCOMER?
WHAT CAN YOU DO?

WHAT CAN GROUP, ASC, SERVICE STRUCTURE DO?
WAYS OF SOLUTION

- LOVE
- REGULAR GROUP’S INVENTORY
- PERSONAL EXAMPLE
- CLOSE INTERACTION OF GROUPS AND STRUCTURE
- 12 STEPS WORKING
- LEARNING AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE 12 TRADITIONS AND 12 CONCEPTS OF NA
- HOLDING WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS FOCUSED ON UNITY
- ANONYMITY IS THE SPIRITUAL FOUNDATION OF ALL OUR TRADITIONS
IT IS IMPORTANT NOT TO REMAIN
INDIFFERENT TO PREDATORY BEHAVIOUR IN NA
THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION