

THE PURPOSE OF H&I



The purpose of and H&I meeting/ Presentation is to carry the message to addicts who do not have full access to regular Narcotics Anonymous meetings.

H&I meetings/Presentations, except for those in longer term facilities, are intended to simply introduce those attending to recovery through the program of Narcotics Anonymous.

One of the most important tasks of an H&I sub-committee is clarifying its own purpose is to establish its priorities. Usually, the highest priority is giving to facilities which house addicts that cannot attend any regular NA meetings. Some treatment facilities fall into this category. Treatment centers which allow some limited access to regular meetings are somewhat lower on the priority list.

These decisions about priorities are not clear cut, particularly when residents are allowed limited access to outside meetings. IF we are not making an effort to inform these addicts about Narcotics Anonymous, we are leaving it up to the facilities to inform them about us, or we are leaving them uninformed. It is important that these residents learn about NA from informed members of our fellowship. H&I meeting/ presentations have the advantage of the question and answer period, which allows residents to address specific questions and concerns about Narcotics Anonymous with members of Narcotics Anonymous.

Decisions about priorities may become quite difficult. For example, recent graduates of a particular facility may have a strong desire to see their facility served. Decisions about priorities must be made more objectively than that.

Our resources are limited and no subcommittee can effectively meet every possible need. The quality of our meetings is more important than their quantity. Our primary purpose is not best served when we allow ourselves to become over committed.