

Round Table Topic: Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)/Treatment & Accessibilities

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Identified Topics:

1. **How do court cards fit into AA?** How does CPC interact with the court system? One group in Area 03 decided to not sign court cards due to disruptions. Members were told at probation that Groups are autonomous and can decide whether or not to sign cards. Someone who is a product of court cards can endorse them. How do individuals connect with judges?

2. **How can CPC help Spanish-speaking areas?** There is a real lack of communication with Spanish-speaking professionals. Spanish interpretation is needed at Area CPC meetings. CPC members meet with Spanish-speaking professionals. Spanish-speaking members can identify pertinent professionals with whom they've worked. CPC committees should cooperate with public relations to share information. Public relations can provide literature in Spanish. Central Offices should provide contacts for Spanish speakers. CPC focuses on where to start then keep moving. We should notify courts of Spanish language meetings.

3. **What is the relationship between Accessibilities and other organizations?** How can we learn to help with accessibilities issues and meetings in treatment centers? Medical professionals are interested in treatment and the efficacy of combining CPC with Treatment & Accessibilities. Another person was interested in the relationship between CPC, H & I, and accessibility. Districts must communicate to Areas what they need. Areas must be proactive and identify issues working with AA and have the ability to understand discussions. There should be subcommittees at the District level for specific issues. Quarterly Area meetings bring Districts together to discuss these issues. Accessibilities does not provide transportation in the San Diego area. San Francisco Central Office funds interpreters for the deaf. There are liaisons between Accessibilities and Intergroups and between Districts and Areas, using websites as the basis for inquiry. Lompoc in Area 58 has a Google group that combines Public Information with CPC, and conducts a "Speaking at Non-AA Meetings" workshop.

4. **How do we include individuals whose primary issue is drugs rather than alcohol?** At one treatment center meeting, the leader tried to evict an attendee who talked too much about drugs. Orientation is needed for individuals who take meetings into treatment centers. Meetings in treatment centers are not AA meetings. Treatment centers have the responsibility to let speakers know their population. We attend treatment centers to share experience, strength, and hope, not opinions.

5. **What is the efficacy of combining CPC, Cooperation with the Elderly Community (CEC), and Treatment & Accessibilities?** Elders are an issue. One District has CEC as a District committee cooperating among committees rather than combining them. A possible part of remote communities includes the elderly community, which is growing.

6. **What about accessibility issues involving children and miscellaneous other issues?** There are child care and child-friendly meetings. In one case, two members are asked to supervise

children and rotate during the meeting. It is important when looking for meetings to check first if there is child care. One person is involved with “secular AA,” sharing that there are close to 500 meetings around the world, many of which have changed the traditional format. The 12th annual conference for service in sobriety is scheduled for Reno. There was a group conscience that emails could be shared.