

Treatment and Corrections Guidelines

PARTICIPATION AND SOBRIETY REQUIREMENTS

To qualify for T&C participation, a prospective T&C participant must:

- A. Be an A.A. member who attends a local Area A.A. group;
- B. Be sober for a minimum of six months (unless under sponsor supervision) to go to hospitals, treatment centers and mental hospitals, and 2 years to go to correctional facilities.

The foregoing requirements are a minimum for any type of participation as a panel speaker (subject to the rules of the applicable facility).

Note: Any A.A. member or invited guest may be asked not to return to the facility.

CONDUCT

Any T&C participant is disqualified from further T&C activity if any of the following occurs:

- Loss of the participant's sobriety. T&C participation requirements will have to be reestablished;
- Refusal to abide by the District's Guidelines;
- Refusal to abide by the rules and regulations of the institution being served;
- Soliciting for or recommending to a confined person any specific facility or treatment program;
- The promotion of a participant's private business through the use of any T&C information and/or activities;
- Aggressive, uncooperative, or disrespectful behavior;
- Sexual harassment;
- Breaking HIPAA laws by violating the anonymity of a patient in an institution.

It is the policy of the District T&C to cooperate with medical professionals. T&C participants never belittle a doctor or psychiatrist. We never belittle an A.A. member for following a doctor's orders. Any action or conversation while on a T&C panel violating this rule will result in immediate removal from T&C participation without exception.

PANEL LEADERS

Must have one year of continuous sobriety and three months of active T&C service. Duties and responsibilities are:

- Comply with instructions for Panel Leaders and speakers;
- Most importantly, arrange for the Panel Chairperson or another Panel Leader to cover the panel if unable to fulfill the commitment. It is the Panel Leader's responsibility to ensure the panel is covered;
- Arrange for panel speakers — minimum of 2;
- Inform speakers of all applicable District T&C and institution policies, and enforce adherence to the rules as appropriate. Panel Leaders may, at their discretion, refuse to bring speakers into panel

meetings due to policy violations;

- Notify the District T&C Subcommittee of any change in the Panel Leader's personal contact information (address, telephone number, email address, etc.);
- Notify the District T&C Subcommittee if there are any problems at the institution or if literature is needed;
- Attend the regular monthly District T&C meetings;
- Notify the District T&C Subcommittee when vacating the position of Panel Leader. A replacement will be appointed by the District T&C Subcommittee.

GUIDELINES PERTAINING TO ALL PANEL SPEAKERS

1. You must qualify as an alcoholic. Please focus your sharing on recovery from alcoholism.
2. DO NOT give a prolonged drunk-a-log. Make sure you talk about recovery and living sober with the program and the Twelve Steps.
3. DO NOT make any derogatory remarks about the facility or its officials.
4. DO NOT talk down to the group or use profane or vulgar language. (No Sex-O-Logs)
5. DO NOT take anything in or bring anything out with you.
6. When speaking at correctional facilities, DO NOT exchange phone numbers or addresses with anyone at the facility, promise to write them, or agree to meet them when they leave. Refer them to Central Office.
7. DO NOT wear cut-off shorts, torn blue jeans, sandals, or Crocs.
8. Women must not wear short or slit skirts, low-cut tops, or tight-fitting clothes.
9. DO NOT go on a correctional panel to an institution if you know or correspond with someone there.
10. Panel Leaders are responsible for the conduct of their speakers.