

Each group has but **one primary purpose** - to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers."

Featured Committee of the Month August 2019: *Treatment Committee*

The **Treatment Committee** is this month's featured committee. Please take a moment to read some information that the committee would like for you to know about:

1. *What Treatment's **purpose** is.*
2. *How it **helps the alcoholic** who still suffers.*
3. *How **you** can grow spiritually by being involved.*
4. *How **you and your group** can get involved.*

1. Purpose of Committee:

To bring AA meetings into treatment facilities in the Rochester area, where we **share our experience, strength and hope** to the still sick and suffering alcoholics and **introduce AA as a solution** to the recovery process. This happens in two ways:

1. **Assigning meetings** of a *specific facility* at a set time to individual home groups on a monthly basis that can be men's, women's or mixed meeting. Your group **Treatment Rep. service position is given the task to get support from your home group to attend the facility meeting.**
2. **Organizing a list** of AA members in the Rochester AA area called "**Bridging the Gap.**" The list consists of AA *member's name, phone number and zip code* and is used for individual newcomers requests to connect with a temporary contact in AA **once they leave the facility.** The temporary contact may **accompany** the newcomer to meetings, **introduce them** to others in AA and/or **help them start** their life of sobriety in the outside world. These lists are confidential, men for men, and women for women.

2. How It Helps The Alcoholic Who Still Suffers:

The **Treatment Committee** helps many Alcoholics in the treatment setting *who may or may not know* about a solution of recovery. In these facilities we are able to share our experiences, to help encourage the still sick and suffering who may feel like there is no hope.

We share **what it was like, what happened and what it is like now** along with **the solution being our experience of working a program of action** designed in the book of Alcoholics Anonymous. We may be the first contact a patient in a treatment facility may have of someone just like them who is sober and walks a free man.

3. How You Can Grow Spiritually By Getting Involved:

Getting involved with the **Treatment Committee** provides individuals with the opportunity to help others with the rewards that are far greater than anything we can possibly share with them.

The biggest gift is seeing a treatment patient walk through the door of an AA meeting once they have been discharged. The feeling is like no other. **ALWAYS, or primary purpose is to carry the message to the still sick and suffering Alcoholic.** In doing this we experience the gift of giving back what has so freely been given to us.

4. How You and Your Group Can Get Involved (*time of committee, jobs to do at the committee*):

The way to get involved with the **Treatment Committee** is to come to the **AA Central Office** on the **3rd Sunday of the Month at 12:45 (new reps Orientation), 1:30 pm (committee meeting).** Come join us and see if the committee is right for you.

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