PCASC of NA Hospitals & Institutions Subcommittee Policies & Guidelines

Panel Chairperson Script

Good Evening. My name is ______ and I am an Addict. Can we please open this meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Before we begin, we would like you to know that this is a presentation of Narcotics Anonymous. We are a subcommittee called H&I which stands for Hospitals and Institutions. We bring meetings into facilities where people can't get out to attend regularly scheduled meetings. We are not counselors, parole officers, or doctors, and do not get paid to come here. We are recovering addicts here to share a message, that there is a way to stay clean on the outside. Our message is hope and our promise is freedom; that any addict can stop using drugs, lose the desire to use, and find a new way to live.

In Narcotics Anonymous, there are some suggested readings. Would someone please read:

- Who is an Addict
- What is the Narcotics Anonymous Program
- Why Are We Here
- How It Works (Or have a panel member read at chair's discretion)
- We Do Recover

There is literature on the table. Please take what you need. Reading Literature helps us to understand the disease of addiction and the Narcotics Anonymous Program. There are several types of meetings on the outside. There are Step meetings, Topic & Discussion meetings, Open meetings where anyone is welcome, Closed meetings for addicts only, and various other formats of meetings. So please keep an open mind and give yourself a break. We suggest that you make a meeting the day you get out. Those who make meetings regularly stay clean.

NA has 9 Suggestions that we've asked ______ to read. (10 Minute share time)

In some meetings we attend, it is a custom of the group to go around the room and introduce ourselves, starting on my right. *(optional)*

Before we introduce the Speaker, we ask that you please give him/her the same respect that you would want when you get the opportunity to speak at a meeting; to identify with the feelings and not compare his/her story with yours. Our experiences may be different, but our feelings are all the same. After the speaker shares, we will open the floor for you to have the opportunity to share freely.

With that, will the group please help us welcome ______ (When time is up) Let's thank the speaker again. Will someone please read: Just For Today

We will circle up and close the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.