

Area 61 Treatment and Accessibility Commitment Guidelines

Thank you all for your SERVICE!! These are basic guidelines and suggestions you should be aware of when bringing Commitments into a detoxification, rehabilitation, or treatment center; a psychiatric ward, hospital, or ANY recovery facility within RI Area 61.

Treatment facilities have told us that it is critical their patients hear that recovery is possible. Many patients have never been to an AA meeting or have had bad experiences at one, so this is our opportunity to show them the benefits of Alcoholics Anonymous and our 12-Step Program in their recovery. Many patients are at a very vulnerable stage of their life and recovery. For that reason we just want to make sure you are sensitive to their issues -- so some things you might normally share as part of your experience, strength, and hope from the podium may need to be tempered. Please also ensure that any newcomers you bring to a Commitment understand that these guidelines are important, and that they understand and comply with them.

Please also register your commitment with your District Treatment & Accessibility coordinator.

We ask that you avoid:

- * Detailed / graphic discussion of domestic violence incidents, and any incidents of crime or violence.
- * Excessive Profanity
- * Personal opinions of any treatment facilities, including the one you're currently within.

Please remember the following:

- * Keep the meeting and focus on alcohol and alcoholism.
- * Don't give cigarettes or ANYTHING to any patient.
- * Don't bring any sharp object into a treatment facility meeting.
- * Leave NOTHING behind except, some HOPE.
- * ASK THE STAFF FOR HELP IF NEEDED. *Don't ever touch anyone.*

** FOCUS ON THE SOLUTION - NOT THE PROBLEM **

** SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH, AND HOPE **

** CARRY THE MESSAGE - NOT THE MESS **

** SEND A POSITIVE MESSAGE OF RECOVERY AND THE FUTURE **

I'm sure these are not new ideas for many of you, but they are good guidelines for us all to follow.

Thank you very much for your service and carrying the message of AA.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me (Jeff W, 401-602-0062) Area 61 Treatment & Accessibility Committee Chair.