

Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee (CPC)

The **Mission** of the Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) committee is to:

- Carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the still suffering alcoholic;
- Cooperate with nonalcoholic professionals in an effective way to provide information about AA to those that have contact with alcoholics through their profession. This group includes health care professionals, lawyers, union leaders, educators, members of the clergy, social workers, government workers, and industrial managers, as well as those working in the field of alcoholism.

Overview

Members of the Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) committees inform professionals and future professionals about AA. What we are, where we are, what we can do, and what we cannot do. We attempt to establish better communication between AA's and professionals, and to find simple, effective ways of cooperating without affiliating.

Tasks

The CPC Committee Member should consider the following tasks:

1. To read through the [CPC Workbook](#); this is part of the CPC kit from the General Service Office (GSO) in New York. Everyone on the Committee should be familiar with the literature on working with the professionals before moving forward. It is essential to know about our different professional communities before contacting anyone.

2. Always have appropriate literature for your audience. Suggested pamphlets are:

For Medical Professional audiences:

- *AA as a Resource for the Health Care Professional*
- *Problems Other than Alcohol*
- *The AA Member—Medications and Other Drugs*

For Legal Professional audiences:

- *Alcoholics Anonymous in Your Community*
- *If You Are a Professional*
- *Information on Alcoholics Anonymous*

For Clergy audiences:

- *A Member's- Eye View of Alcoholics Anonymous*
- *Alcoholics Anonymous in Your Community*
- *Members of the Clergy Ask About Alcoholics Anonymous*

For Employers or Employee Assistant Professional audiences:

- *Alcoholics Anonymous in Your Community*
- *Information on Alcoholics Anonymous*
- *Is There an Alcoholic in the Workplace?*

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Provide information about AA to professionals who deal with problem drinkers in the course of their work.

The CPC Committee work begins when a member drops a quiet word of AA to their doctors, clergy, or police representative. Some AA members or committees will hold a Professional luncheon and invite these community members to a presentation explaining our Traditions of what AA can and cannot do.

Committee Composition

The committee consists of the Chair, and current DCMs and GSRs who are assigned to the committee by the Area 78 Registrar for their two-year term of service. Others selected for the committee may include past Area 78 officers or long-time members recommended for their knowledge in CPC service work. Area 78 visitors may participate on this committee, but they do not have a vote.

Background

Traditionally, the CPC Committee Chair maintains contact with District and Intergroup CPC committees throughout the Area 78 region, and includes their event highlights in the Chairs Report to the Area 78 Assembly.

Duties

- Maintain Area wide CPC contact list for District and Intergroup CPC committees.
- Ensure that the Committee functions properly.
- Facilitate full participation during meetings.
- Make certain that all relevant matters are discussed.
- Insure that all committee decisions are recorded in the Area Minutes.
- Report directly to the Area Assembly on pertinent committee decisions.
- Travel to and present at workshops in the Area, upon request.
- Transport and set up of equipment/displays at Area 78 Area Committee Meetings.
- Produce a synopsis of the background information on the Conference Agenda Items assigned by the Delegate for the Pre-Conference Assemblies.
- Co-operates with Public Information, Corrections and Treatment & Special Needs Committees, to carry a clear and concise message to the professionals.