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**COOPERATION
WITH THE
PROFESSIONAL
COMMUNITY**

AGENDA

Conference Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community

Monday, April 25, 2022, 9 a.m. – Noon

Room: TBD

Chairperson: Tom B.

Secretary: Amy B.

Conference Committee Members

Panel 71

Tom B.

Julie C.

Pamela (Pam) K.

Gordon N.

Ruth R.

Panel 72

Shannon C.

Claude G.

Alison H.

- ◆ Discussion and acceptance of trustees' Committee report.
- A. [Review progress report on A.A.W.S. LinkedIn page.](#)
- B. [Review suggested revisions for the draft pamphlet "A.A. in Your Community."](#)
- C. [Review progress report on the development of outward facing pamphlets for the mental health professional.](#)
- D. [Consider creating a new pamphlet designed to help C.P.C. committees to reach as many doctors as possible.](#)
- E. [Review content and format of the C.P.C. Kit and Workbook.](#)

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2022 Conference Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community

ITEM D: Consider creating a new pamphlet designed to help C.P.C. committees reach as many doctors as possible

Note: As a result of the EDW plan, this item is on the agenda of the Conference Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community

Background notes:

PAI # 78

Consider creating a new pamphlet designed to help C.P.C. reach as many doctors as possible. This pamphlet includes general statements about the alcoholic to the doctor, questions for the doctor, and possible actions to take. The pamphlet is only to be used fully, or partially, at the comfort level of the individual alcoholic.

Background:

1. PAI # 78 submission form
2. PAI #78 Background draft "Conversation with Your Doctor"

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Conversation With Your Doctor Pamphlet Agenda Item Submission Form

(1) Submit a clear and concisely worded motion.

Motion to create a new pamphlet designed to help CPC reach as many doctors as possible. This pamphlet includes general statements about the alcoholic to the doctor, questions for the doctor, and possible actions to take. The pamphlet is only to be used fully, or partially, at the comfort level of the individual alcoholic.

(2) What problem does this proposed item address?

Instead of working in a top-down fashion, using this pamphlet we could reach out to doctors in a more “boots on the ground” approach. Somewhere between the pamphlet AA as a Resource for the Healthcare Professional, and a simple CPC contact card, there is use for a short simple conversation. Not taking as much time as the Resource pamphlet, and being a bit more personal than dropping a card with a number, we can individually as members reach out to far more doctors.

(3) What level of group conscience, if any, discussed the proposed agenda item? Make it clear who is submitting the item (an individual, group, district, area, etc.).

This pamphlet has been supported by my homegroup, and by my local CPC committee.

(4) Provide background information that describes and supports the reasoning for the proposal. List background material(s) included with the proposal:

CPC is not getting engagement from most local doctors, and when CPC reaches out it is not to individual doctors, but organizations. There is a large discrepancy between institutions that are engaged, and the many doctors who may not even know they are treating alcoholics.

(5) What are the intended/expected outcomes if this proposed item is approved?

My intention is that it is very clearly stated and understood only to use this pamphlet if you wish, and only to the extent that you feel comfortable. With that, maybe it only encourages doctors to know how many patients are afflicted with alcoholism. Doctors may not be caring enough, or take the time to read AA as a Resource for the Healthcare Professional. They may not see the need to use a contact card left in the office, maybe even left for a different doctor in the office. If CPC was able to reach out to hundreds of doctors individually, it could only help. This pamphlet would be a simple, small way to facilitate that depth of contact.

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(6) Provide a primary contact for the submission.

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(7) Final comments:

Helping CPC to engage with more doctors, and even thereby to have more engagement in those organizations will possibly increase membership, direct alcoholics to membership earlier, and ultimately save lives. The idea is that hundreds, or thousands of alcoholics could carry on this small conversation with their doctors to that end.

A Conversation with your Doctor

Statements about the Alcoholic to the Doctor

1. I am an Alcoholic.
2. I am working the 12 Steps of recovery.
3. I attend meetings.
4. I am working with a sponsor.
5. I am willing to answer questions about the program of Alcoholics Anonymous

Questions for the Doctor

1. Have you heard of AA?
2. What is your understanding of the program of Alcoholics Anonymous?
3. Have you treated alcoholics who got better?
4. What methods have you seen work effectively?
5. Have you read the pamphlet A.A. as a Resource for the Healthcare Professional?

Actions to Take

1. May I offer a point of contact if you need one in the future? (Can be a representative who has left their name and number on the pamphlet)
 2. Would it be helpful to provide some literature, or possibly a pamphlet rack in your office?
 3. Would you be interested in observing a meeting?
 4. I'm available to tell my story to anyone that might benefit from it
- This pamphlet can be used in whole, or in part, to start a conversation with your doctor. Only use what you are comfortable with. It can also be left as simply a contact card with a representative's phone number

Contact Numbers

Local CPC Rep:

Local AA Hotline:

Local Al-Anon Hotline:

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