

# **Cooperation With the Professional Community**

# C.P.C. Committee

Advisory Action...

The committee recommended that the current statement regarding "Singleness of Purpose" in C.P.C. literature which reads:

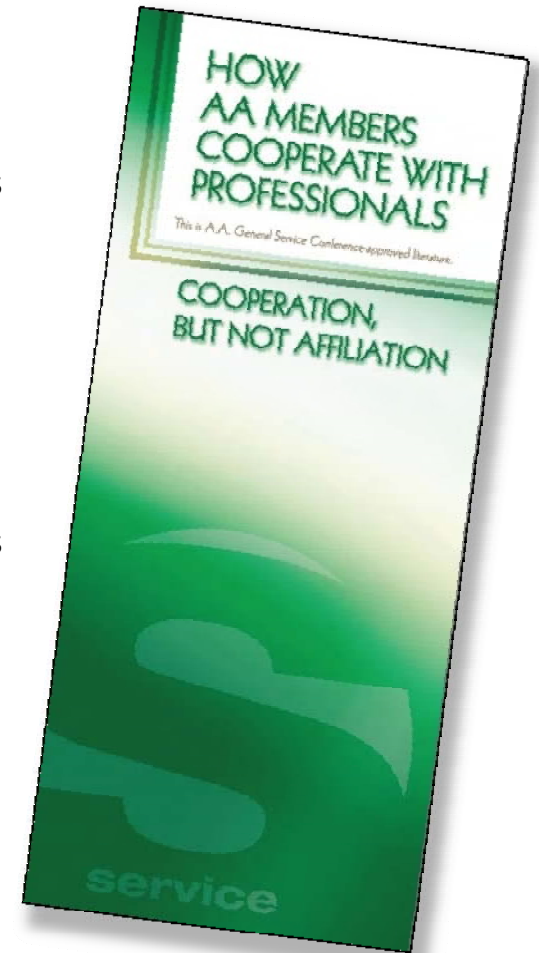
"Some professionals refer to alcoholism and drug addiction as "substance abuse" or "chemical dependency." Nonalcoholics are, therefore, sometimes introduced to A.A. and encouraged to attend A.A. meetings. Anyone may attend open A.A. meetings, but only those with a drinking problem may attend closed meetings"

be revised to read as follows:

"Some professionals refer to alcoholism and drug addiction as "substance abuse" or "chemical dependency." Nonalcoholics are, therefore, sometimes introduced to A.A. and encouraged to attend A.A. meetings. **Nonalcoholics** may attend open A.A. meetings **as observers**, but only those with a drinking problem may attend closed AA. meetings."

*Passed by substantial unanimity*

**What's this?: The paragraph wording will be changed at the next printing.**



## Advisory Action...

In the process of reviewing the C.P.C. Workbook and Kit, the committee noted that the text in the "What A.A. Does Not Do" section of the "A.A. at a Glance" flyer was revised by a 2010 Conference Advisory Action and a revision of the C.P.C. service piece "Information on A.A." to include the text from "A.A. at a Glance" was initiated by an Additional committee consideration from the 2010 Conference Committee on Public Information. In an effort to provide consistent information in C.P.C. literature the committee recommended that the text in the "What A.A. Does Not Do" section in the C.P.C. pamphlets "A.A. in Your Community", "If You Are A Professional" and "Members of the Clergy ask about Alcoholics Anonymous" be replaced with the text in the section "What A.A. Does Not Do" in the "A.A. at a Glance" flyer and the entire section read as follows:

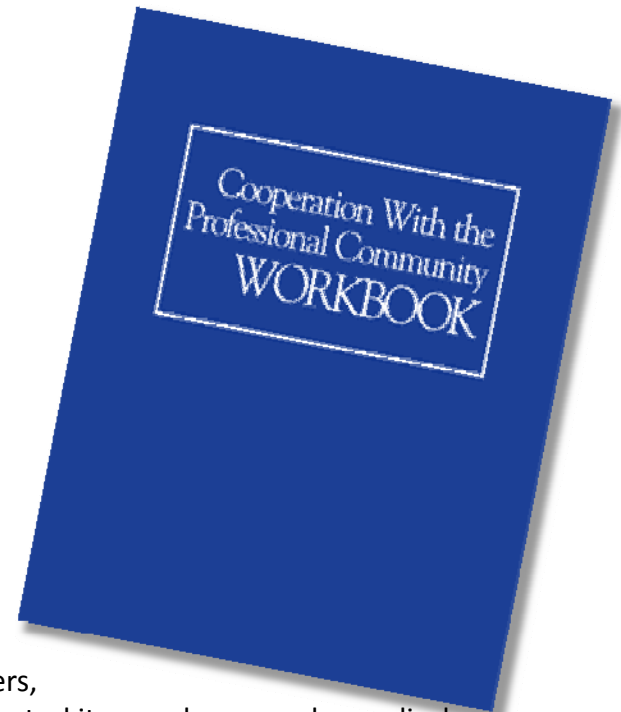
### **What A.A. Does Not Do**

A.A. does not: Furnish initial motivation for alcoholics to recover... solicit members... engage in or sponsor research... keep attendance records or case histories... join "councils" or social agencies (although A.A. members, groups and service offices frequently cooperate with them)... follow up or try to control its members... make medical or psychological diagnoses or prognoses... provide detox, rehabilitation or nursing services, hospitalization, drugs, or any medical or psychiatric treatment... offer religious services or host/sponsor retreats... engage in education about alcohol... provide housing, food, clothing, jobs, money, or any other welfare or social services... provide domestic or vocational counseling... accept any money for its services, or any contributions from non-A.A. sources... provide letters of reference to parole boards, lawyers, court officials, social agencies, employers, etc.

*Passed by substantial unanimity*

**What's does this mean? The paragraph wording will be changed at the next printing.**

## C.P.C. Committee



## Additional Committee Consideration:

- The committee discussed the report on replacing the current "A.A. Cooperation With the Professional Community" DVD with a new compilation DVD that includes existing material and reviewed the draft product of the replacement DVD.

The committee accepted the report with appreciation and felt that a new compilation DVD was not needed for some of the following reasons:

- a) The list of suggested existing materials seemed limited and was already available on G.S.O.'s A.A. Web Site.
- b) When communicating with professionals, it is often most helpful to have material that is specific to a particular profession.
- c) In the contemporary, ever-changing digital age, the DVD format might not be appropriate for the distribution of information about Alcoholics Anonymous.

**What's this?: A new DVD is not needed for the reasons given.**



## Additional Committee Consideration:

- The committee noted that the A.A.W.S. Board has oversight of G.S.O.'s A.A. Web Site Redesign Committee and requested that A.A.W.S. consider dedicating a portion of the Web Site to making A.A. resources easily accessible to targeted professional populations and C.P.C. Committees.

**What's this?: Suggestion to the Web site committee to dedicate part of the website as described. ([aa.org](http://aa.org))**

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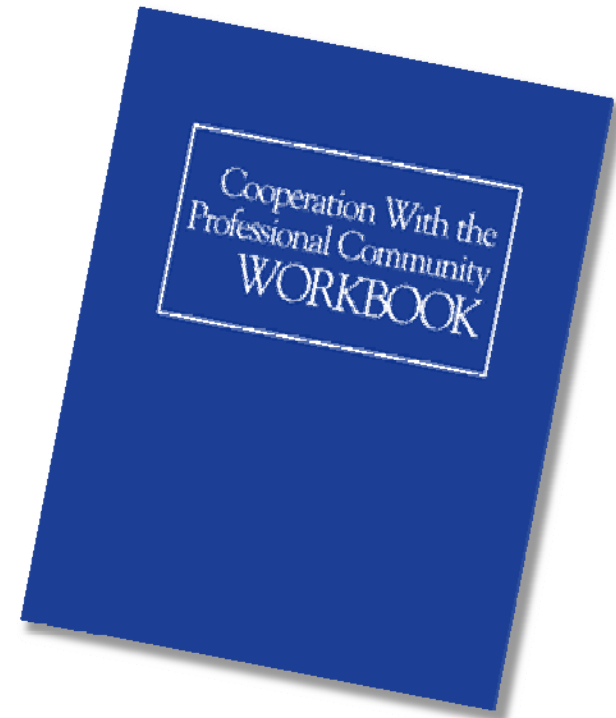


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### Additional Committee Consideration:

The committee reviewed the contents of the Cooperation With The Professional Community Committee Kit and Workbook and made several suggestions:

- a) The sentence on page 15, which reads: "Open: Guests are welcome; if practical, mention that individual members are available to take a professional friend to a meeting" be changed to read "Open: Guests are welcome as observers; if practical, mention that individual members are available to take a professional friend to a meeting."
- b) The revised text in the "What A.A. Does Not Do" section in the C.P.C. pamphlets "A.A. in Your Community", "If You Are A Professional" and "Members of the Clergy ask about Alcoholics Anonymous" replace the current text in the "What A.A. Does Not Do" section on page 29 of the C.P.C. Workbook.



### **What's this?: Suggested changes for the Workbook**

## C.P.C. Committee

The committee elected Pam J., delegate for Area 68, Southwest Texas, chairperson, and Kenny K., delegate for Area 34, Western Michigan, alternate chairperson.

# Questions?

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