

PASSAIC AREA NA H&I Panel Chairperson Format

Hi. My name is _____ and I'm an addict. Welcome to the Passaic County H&I presentation of Narcotics Anonymous here at _____.

Can we please have a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer?

We have asked someone to read:

- Who is an Addict?
 - What is NA?
 - Why are we here?
 - How it Works
- Thank you to all the readers.

_____, _____ & I are members of Narcotics Anonymous. We are also members of a subcommittee of Narcotics Anonymous called H&I. H&I stands for Hospitals & Institutions. We bring meetings into places where people can't get out such as jails, rehabs, detoxes, and a few other facilities.

We are not doctors, lawyers or counselors. We are not paid to be here. We have no opinion on this facility. We aren't allowed to take anything from you or give you anything. We are here to introduce you to the program of Narcotics Anonymous. We are recovering addicts here to give you a message of hope that no addict need ever die from the disease of addiction. Narcotics Anonymous makes one promise, that any addict can stop using, lose the desire to use, and find a new way to live.

There is literature on the table that is free for the taking. Please take what you need. Reading literature helps us identify with the disease of addiction and helps us with our choices and decisions.

There are all kinds of meetings in Narcotics Anonymous, if you don't like the first meeting you go to try another, until you find the meetings you are comfortable with. So try to keep an open mind and give yourself a break.

(Make sure a panel member has a meeting list) NA has eight suggestions that _____ will read.

If you hear nothing else that we say tonight, HEAR THIS: **MAKE A MEETING THE DAY YOU GET OUT!**

*(** At chair's discretion)* In all meetings I attend it is a custom to go around the room and introduce ourselves starting on my right.

Before we begin there are a few things that we ask: Please give the speaker the same respect you would want if and when you get the opportunity to speak at a meeting; to identify with (his/her) feelings and not compare (his/her) story with yours. (He/She) may not have used like you did but the feelings are the same. It is also important that we keep an "atmosphere of recovery." After the speaker shares, we will open the floor for you to have the opportunity to share freely.

INTRODUCE THE SPEAKER

When time is up, thank the speaker and have someone read

- We do Recover
- Just for Today

Close the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.