

World Service



Conference Report

WSC Hospitals & Institutions Committee

Greetings from your WSC H&I Committee. Since we last reported to the conference, our first issue of the *H&I News*, a new communication link with area and regional H&I committees, has been published. We hope you received it and found it to be helpful in your efforts to better carry the message to addicts in hospitals and institutions around the world. You're encouraged to send in questions you'd like your WSC H&I Committee to address in the newsletter.

I would urge RSRs to check with all the H&I committees in their region to be sure they are registered with the WSO. This will allow them to receive *H&I News* as well as a free copy of *Reaching Out*, which is sent to every registered area H&I committee. And don't forget that you can always purchase a subscription to *Reaching Out* if you'd like more copies.

We've had a work group fine-tune our learning day presentation, which will be held in conjunction with the WSC PI Committee at WSC '96 in Greensboro, North Carolina. As soon as the exact date and time have been finalized, flyers will be prepared and mailed out in a pre-conference mailing. We have several new skits and panel discussions to present, and hope that anyone looking for more information on how to effectively carry the message will be able to attend.

Presented to you for your consideration in the *Conference Agenda Report* this year is Motion #8, along with Addendum 2. The *Hospitals & Institutions Handbook* revisions have been in progress for a number of years in committee, and include information and assistance that you've asked us to provide for some time now. We also took this opportunity to copy edit and adjust some terminology to current NA standards.

We also worked in conjunction with the WSC Literature Committee to revise IP #20, *Hospitals and Institutions Service and the NA Member*, as presented in Motion #9 and Addendum 3. Again, this is work that was nearly completed before the inventory.

Speaking of the inventory, I'd like to share with you what an impact it has had on our committee. When we first began the process, we discovered quite a few areas needing improvement. Some of those problems have already been addressed, and I'm happy to report that in the past two years we've worked much more closely with other conference

committees, eliminating much of the duplication of services that we once found prevalent. We've also improved communications with areas and regions by publishing the *H&I News* and improving our annual WSC learning day.

As always, let us know if there is anything we can do to assist you in your H&I efforts. Even if the conference doesn't have the funding, many of our members are able and willing to travel, so let us know when and where you have plans for a workshop or learning day. We'll do our best to participate. We've even had some telephone link-ups at learning days and always have some printed materials to offer.

We also have numerous letters of referral written by various institutions describing how H&I has been a positive factor in their facility. They are available through the WSO for your assistance. Of course, we are always looking for new letters to keep our inventory current. If you work with a facility that might write such a letter, please encourage them to do so.

If you have questions about our CAR motion or any other issue, please contact either me or Mike Cunningham, vice chairperson, via the WSO. We look forward to seeing many of you at WSC '96!

Laura Jennison, chairperson