

## **GROUP SUPPORT FORUMS**

### **BASIC PURPOSE**

The Hamilton Area Service Committee's Group Support Forums serve the needs of all the NA Groups within the Hamilton Area by conducting discussion-based meetings that promote their growth, unity and collective wisdom.

### **FUNCTION OF THE GSF**

The GSF is a resource for members and groups in their efforts to fulfill their primary purpose by providing an open forum to share Group challenges and successes, discuss recovery-based topics, and hold workshops.

### **MEETINGS**

The Group Support Forum shall be held on every even-numbered month from 9AM-10AM at 120 Wentworth St. North in Hamilton. The topic for the GSF shall be decided upon, using Consensus-Based Decision-Making, during the previous month's HASC Sharing session.

**NOTE:** the time, place, frequency and duration of the GSF are subject to change based on the conscience of the Hamilton Area Service Committee.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in the GSF is informal. It generally consists of the Service System Coordinator (facilitator/leader), a Recorder (Secretary), and GSRs, Alternate GSRs or group delegates, as well as any other interested members.

### **AGENDA**

1. Opening prayer
2. Reading of "Purpose of the GSF"
3. Introductions
4. Group reports and discussion
5. Topic discussion
6. Transition to regularly-scheduled HASC meeting

## **VOTING AND BUSINESS**

The absence of voting and motions is what makes the GSF so special. With no talk of budgets or parliamentary procedure, members are free to share exclusively about Group problems and successes. The GSF is often referred to as "the service equivalent of one addict helping another".