

Our area is going to have presentations on the following subjects. This is a short description about the contents and the importance of having these conversations.

### 1. DRT/MAT as it Relates to NA : Helping Members Take Root

We've been having conversations around drug replacement therapy or medication assisted treatment (DRT/MAT) for decades. We've written about the issues in *In Times of Illness*, *NA Groups and Medication*, and the PR pamphlet *NA Persons Receiving Medication Assisted Treatment*. The Fellowship has been surveyed on what to say in a piece of recovery literature about the topic, and that survey made it clear that we don't have a unified Fellowship position on this issue. Many groups still struggle with how to respond to addicts who arrive at our doors on medication assisted treatment. And so the discussion continues.

Where we have consensus as a Fellowship:

- Our message is hope and the promise of freedom. We are a program of complete abstinence.
- It doesn't matter what or how much you used.
- What we care about is what you want to do about your problem and how we can help.
- The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop using.
- We want people to be able to choose NA membership no matter how they get here.
- We want NA to be a safe place to recover.

This workshop will help us have discussions about the world we live in and decide how we can reach and welcome newcomers.

### 2. Disruptive and Predatory Behavior

This topic, at its heart, is about our ability as a Fellowship to carry the message—if new members do not feel safe, they won't stay. It's also about public relations— if professionals hear negative things about NA, they will stop referring clients to us, treatment centers will go somewhere else, and addicts who need us may never find us.

### 3. Gender Neutral and Inclusive Language in NA Literature

Put simply, this is a workshop about how we carry the message and how we can be more inclusive. We are having this conversation to see if changes to the use of language in our literature could make our message more readily available to new and future members. This is an opportunity to talk together, listen to one other, and build unity and understanding.

This information is taken directly from the World (Headquarters of Narcotics Anonymous) website and we will use approved slide shows to discuss. I am currently the Alternate Delegate between our region and World. Please feel free to reach out to me for questions or concerns at [ad@wnircna.org](mailto:ad@wnircna.org)

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