

Suffolk County General Service Inventory

November 18th at 8:00 pm

Items to Review and Consider prior to the inventory dates:

- Chapters One, two and three of [The A.A. Service Manual](#)
- [Box 459 2008 Article on Inventories](#)
- please review your own Suffolk County General Service guidelines
- Page 308 in Alcoholics Anonymous comes of Age *“Experience has shown that as soon as any community contains three or four active members, growth is inevitable, for the good reason that each member feels he must work with other alcoholics or perhaps perish himself.”*

How to come prepared for the Inventory sessions:

- Read the suggested items to prepare for the inventory (see above)
- Review and consider the Inventory Questions (listed later in this document)
- Bring thoughts and ideas, and write down ONE thing you would like to see different or changed in Suffolk County

Guidelines for the Inventory Sessions:

- The hope is Open, Honest, Loving, Respectful and Clear communication. It is ok to speak passionately about matters, however we lead with altruism versus ambition. We also ask that we lay aside what others will think of us if we will be judged or liked and we focus on the primary purpose and lay aside personalities for the principles of Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole.
- One person speaks at a time, 2 minutes each, and until all have had the chance to share on the current topic, please refrain from a 2nd share.
- Make good use of the facilitator. Ask questions. Trust the Process.
- What we say in the virtual room will stay in the room unless we decide otherwise.
- We will encourage all voices and full participation.
- Arguably the most important suggestion, especially considering our backgrounds with alcoholism is if there is an elephant in the room, let's say so.
- As a unified county we want to hear the hard stuff because we know through A.A. history we grow and learn from conflict, we do not want controversy, but we welcome connection and the idea of hard conversations because we know it is in the best interest of the common welfare.
- The facilitator will take notes and have a volunteer present to document the minutes of the session.

Agenda for the Inventory Sessions:

- Introductions
- Approval of the Inventory Guidelines (any brief questions?)

- Privately chat facilitator your ONE thing of change and Anonymously Read
- Go through Inventory questions
- Commitment readings
- Closing

Inventory Questions

- 1- *What is the basic purpose of Suffolk County General Service? Are we fulfilling that purpose?*
- 2- *In the spirit of Tradition 5, what additional service opportunities can Suffolk County General Service engage in to carry A.A.'s message?*
- 3- *Considering Tradition 2 and Concept 9, does Suffolk County have strong and active service committees who bring the A.A. message to professionals, correctional/rehabilitation facilities, remote and accessibility communities, etc.?*
- 4- *What does Suffolk County General Service do to help all involved be well-informed about A.A.'s Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts and A.A.'s General Service Structure? Is service sponsorship encouraged? What can we do better?*
- 5- *In the spirit of the principle of Concept 10, How accurate and helpful are Suffolk County General Service guidelines?*
- 6- *Does Suffolk County General Service in the spirit of Tradition Three have a fair cross section of the community? Are we reaching out to all (all groups) and asking for their participation in our service structure?*
- 7- *Are all who participate in Suffolk County General Service clear on protocols, job descriptions, who they can seek for guidance, ask for help? Are alternates ready and able to fill in positions where rotation happens? Are we given all we need to succeed? Workbooks, A.A. literature, guidelines?*
- 8- *Do we have a healthy relationship with other districts and counties in our Area? Do we cooperate with our local Intergroup/Central Office?*
- 9- *Are we familiar with the Suffolk County General Service roles and duties of each trusted servant, for more effective communication and usefulness within the county meeting and the A.A. Groups we serve?*