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Dear Fellow Members:

I'm so mad I can't be there with you now in the flesh (you know I'm with you in the Spirit) I could spit. I guess I get to practice some patience tolerance and humility. What a surrender. Seriously, I love and support you and send this along in hopes that it will help.

The Living Clean material is so fine, I can see little need for editing and/or rewording. The few marks I have made will show that. Still, I want you to know that after the scrutiny I have given it the marks would make it approvable.

You might want to add some more meeting types (circa page 12).

'Lord' is specific to some faiths down here and might go beyond our customary generalities prayer-wise relating to NA approved material. (pg 13).

'Drink or drug' implies there is a difference among drugs of addiction. The disease is the same and using is the term which has been used in other approved material. (pg. 22)

'Patient/doctor' has a very different conotation from the more often used student/ teacher'. (pg. 32)

'Sobriety' relates to recovery from alcoholism and even in the spiritual sense doesn't express 'recovering what is lost to us in our active addiction'. Consistent with the Basic Text. (pg. 27)

The nine marks on page 33 change the material to relate to our members experience with the drug methadone which noone could mistake or contest. In original, the material expresses an opinion on an outside issue, which is the methadone program and/or the treatment center per se.

I don't know we would ever reccomend 'bars' or being comfortable in a circumstance where drugs are being used. Personaly, I pray a lot. (pg. 34).

Since membership is contingent of the disire to stop using, all drugs would be included. (pg. 35).

Many of our members are women. (pg. 36).

We can't use brand names in our literature. (pg.41)

Group service representative. (pg. 45)

As I understand it, there is no spiritual part of the program. (pg. 58).

No need to address another program. (pg. 65) (pg. 66)

Reccomending another program by name would violate our Sixth Tradition. (pg. 67) (pg. 76)

After sentence one, paragraph one, page 77, I would suggest adding the line, "We don't want you to get arrested because you have rushed to help someone who has drugs in their home." You can come up with something better.

Also, there needs to be a finish to the material, like: Whoever you are, whatever you have done or been, we welcome you to come and share in the good life we have found. Our concern for you is essential to our growth. We know your life will improve daily if you don't use and try our N.A. way of life. Out of our own pain and dispair, we have been led into relief from our addiction, hope for a new life caeen and the kind of love for others we can back up in our living.

The Traditions related feedback I give as a member of the World Service Board of Trustees, the rest as a member. For someone who used to be so long winded, this little feedback astounds me. But then, it is a Program of change...

In Loving Service,

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Sex + Relationships: Often work well.

Careful of progressing disaster

Don't get one mile long then less  
intensity stable, happy relationships with or without marriage.

Make your work steps.

How special it is to learn from others.