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## Panel to Discuss Drug Problem Here

An attempt to appraise the community's drug addiction problem and to coordinate action to solve it will be made at a meeting tomorrow at Cleveland Metropolitan General Hospital in Scott Auditorium at 7 p.m.

Police, physicians, users and social workers all have estimates of how many hard core heroin addicts there are, the latest being that of Narcotics Anonymous, (N.A.) which attempts to free people of the addiction by persuasion and psychological help and support in regular group meetings.

"In Cuyahoga County," an N.A. coordinator today told

The Press, "there are about 550 persons highly addicted to opiates, up from 350 in 1965.

The coordinator said Narcotics Anonymous is open to all who need it and is headquartered at 1710 Prospect Ave.

At tomorrow's meeting to coordinate the efforts to deal with the agencies that help the addicts and abusers Dr. Maurice Victor, chief of Metro-General's Department of Neurology will moderate.

In a discussion panel will be Dr. Fred Hockberg, also of the Neurology Department at Metro-General. He started and directs the methadone program there.

Others in the panel will be attorney Gerald Gold, Dr. L. D. Lenkoski, Case Western Reserve professor of psychiatry; Dr. E. Frank Ellis, director of Public Health and Welfare of Cleveland, and H. Bernard Smith, director of the Cuyahoga County Mental Health and Retardation Board.

**Group for Addicts**

**Open to the Public**

Narcotics Anonymous has opened its meetings to the public.

NA, an organization for drug addicts, meets at 8 p.m. Wednesdays at the Crisis Center, 3408 Lorain Avenue, and at 8 p.m. Fridays at the Epiphany School, 11901 Oakfield Avenue S.E.

It has no leaders, fees or dues, and is not connected with any religious, political or law enforcement group.

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## **Narcotics Group to Meet Tomorrow**

A meeting of Narcotics Anonymous will be tomorrow night at 7:30 at the Salvation Army's Harbor Light Corps., 830 Eagle Ave.

The rehabilitative program, recently started in the Cleveland area, is based on the same principles as Alcoholics Anonymous.

Habitual users of barbiturates and amphetamines, the so-called sleeping pills and pep pills, are urged to attend the meetings by Captain Edward Dimond of the Salvation Army.

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