San Diego County Sheriff's Department Detention Services Bureau - Manual of Policies and Procedures

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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS (NA)/ALCOHOLICS

ANONYMOUS (AA)

RELATED SECTIONS: I.71, V.1, V.3

PURPOSE

To provide guidelines for programs that address drug and alcohol abuse.

POLICY

Each facility will establish inmate programs which will assist the inmate in preventing or deterring their dependency on alcohol or drugs.

PROCEDURE

- I. The supervising correctional counselor will coordinate the establishment of Alcoholics Anonymous "AA," Narcotics Anonymous "NA" and other self-help programs at the facility.
 - A. Scheduling will be done by the correctional counselor based upon:
 - 1. Volume of inmate interest
 - 2. Language considerations
 - 3. Facility security
 - 4. Other activities
 - B. All program volunteers must be cleared through the standard process for Sheriff's volunteers as outlined in Detentions Policy and Procedures I.71, V.1 and V.3
- II. Correctional counseling or sworn staff members may deny access to inmates who have demonstrated an unwillingness to abide by the rules of the facility or who present a security risk due to their classification.
- III. Staff shall take all reasonable measures to ensure eligible inmates who wish to participate in selfhelp and recovery programs may do so. The cancellation of self-help and recovery programs shall only occur when articulable facility security concerns are present and only when approved by the watch commander.