

## **Approved Statement of Purpose for BTG**

**The purpose of BTG is to bridge the gap between A.A. members in treatment facilities, hospitals, and correctional facilities and the first A.A. meetings patients and inmates go to upon release in the home community.**

**Members of Alcoholics Anonymous, usually acting in pairs, meet the patient or inmates after release and accompany them to their first A.A. meeting. As in all 12-Step work this activity is strictly voluntary.**

**The goal of the BTG Committee of the California Northern Interior Area is to assist in making this vital 12-Step work possible. The Committee will encourage, cooperate with and provide information to Districts and/or Central Offices as they carry out this work locally. Districts and/or Central Offices individually.**

- Meet and correspond with representatives of local institutions to ask for permission to work with their patients and inmates and correspond with patients and inmates desiring BTG upon release**
- Maintain lists of A.A. volunteers willing to do BTG work and to coordinate 12<sup>th</sup> Step calls.**

**The BTG committee will cooperate with all services entities as appropriate, such as local Districts, Central Offices, and Regional and National entities.**

**The name “Bridge The Gap” is taken from the pamphlet “Bridging the Gap between Treatment and A.A. through temporary contact programs” (P-49). In some BTG has evolved to addressing the needs not only of those coming out of treatment facilities, but also of Correctional facilities. This is done either in conjunction with “The A.A. Corrections Pre-Release Contact Program” (F-162), or through the use of locally established procedures. In either case we are reminded this is basic 12-Step work. Our collective experience suggests it is best to be accompanied by another A.A. member when meeting with a newcomer. Additional suggestions can be found in thwe pamphlet cited above.**