

## Facility/meeting descriptions:

**Palmetto Center-** This Facility has a meeting place in the center of the unit. It has an open style concept and the nurse's station, the patient rooms, and med. window is all in the same open area. The occasional personnel disruption is unavoidable. Patients are quite often called out of the meeting for meds, but can still hear the meeting from the med. window. All the staff is nearby and can hear the meeting. It is a co-ed facility.

The facility has requested that no AA member that has been a patient at that facility may return to the facility through an AA Treatment meeting for at least six (6) months.

The Palmetto Center has recently banned smoking on the entire campus. Smoking will not be permitted anywhere in or outside of this facility.

**M.U.S.C.-** This facility has meetings in a small room therefore there may be a limited amount of AA members present due to space issues. It is common for groups to bring no more than 5 people. Some patients from other floors of the facility may be escorted to the meeting. The staff may or may not sit through the meeting.

**The Charleston Center-** This facility has meetings in their Cafeteria. The Refrigeration equipment is loud, so speak loudly. The ice maker can be unplugged (reducing some noise), providing it gets plugged back in after the meeting. There are no interruptions from the staff and the staff doesn't attend the meetings.

There are 3 treatment programs on the same floor; the detox, a 28 day program and a 90 day program for women with children under 5. There may be infants in the meetings with their mothers. Tuesday nights all patients except detox are able to leave the hospital and are bussed to the James Island Seabreeze meeting.

**The Saturday Night Charleston Center-** This is a speaker meeting only. It is open to all patients in all three programs. The 90 day program is all women, the 28 day program has 8 beds for women and 4 beds for men, the detox is co-ed. Groups should bring some group members, if possible, in addition to a speaker. AA members may talk to patients after the meeting, hand out phone numbers, fellowship, etc. Although groups may consider the gender majority of the patients (women) when choosing speakers and AA members to bring to this meeting, this is

not an all women meeting.

There currently is a small amplifier/audio system that is used for this meeting only. The facility has allowed this audio system to be stored at the facility for the use of all the speakers for this meeting. Ask a staff member on the fourth floor for access to the supply room (room 445). Please return the audio system the same way.

**Vet Villa-** This facility is a private halfway house style setting. The residents are veterans and they are all men. AA women are welcome to attend. There have never been any problems reported.

**Charleston Vet.** - This Facility is also a halfway house style setting. Residents that have completed 3 months at Vet Villa are eligible (among others) to reside here. Most residents will have over 3 months of sobriety. This facility has the capacity to house some women.

**Dorchester County I.O.P.**- This is an intensive outpatient facility. The meeting starts at 7pm, but they need AA's to arrive at 6:30pm. Security locks the front door at 6:30 for safety reasons. The staff sits in on the meetings for most of the meeting; they leave for the last 15 minutes of the meeting so the patients will feel more comfortable asking questions.

This meeting is an every-other week meeting. For this reason it is a two month commitment to the Treatment Committee.

Due to the fact that some of their patients have been sober for many months, the facility has requested that AA does not send any members to this meeting that have less than one year of sobriety.