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RESOLUTION #1

To All Aegis Staff Members,

We, the board members of the PAAG (“Patient Advisory & Advocacy Group”) highly recommend that Aegis staff members - in general, clinic managers and counselors - in particular, will support and endorse participation of their patients in 12-Steps and other support groups. Although we believe that methadone and LAAM are very powerful medications that can help Aegis’ patients in their recovery efforts, however, these important medications are not enough to resolve the patient’s other problems including social “peer pressure” that recovery addicts are facing on a day-to-day basis by their previous social contacts.

12-Steps and other support groups are playing a key role in the support system which sustains the patient’s change of lifestyle.

Aegis counselors should also acknowledge that some of its patients are not welcomed in NA and AA groups, and in such cases they should encourage their patients to establish and develop 12-Step Support Groups to methadone and LAAM patients in proximity to the clinic (accessibility, etc.).

We also recommend that such groups will be incorporated under the name: “Steps To Recovery” instead of “Methadone Anonymous”, as we believe that “Methadone Anonymous” has negative connotation to both the general public as well as recovering addicts.

PAAG Board Members