

LITERATURE ITEM H:

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Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>A floor action from the 70th GSC (2020) ensured that this item would be forwarded for the 71st GSC, as there was not enough time in 2020 for the GSC to consider this item. The request was to include fresh, updated stories and a new title that is respectful and inclusive. The 2021 committee reviewed tentative plans for revision of the pamphlet, noting the importance of involving members of the community from the intended primary audience of the pamphlet including providing input for a title that is respectful and inclusive of members throughout the U.S. and Canada. A Workgroup committee of 7 members representing a variety of ethnic, geographic, linguistic and age perspectives has been formed. Questions under consideration by the Workgroup, regarding the pamphlet, A.A. for the Black & African American Alcoholic, are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>What general or specific types of experience or expression are missing from the pamphlet?</i>• <i>Are there any specific issues or topics that are not adequately addressed in this pamphlet that would be helpful to include in a revised version?</i>• <i>Does the pamphlet provide the kind of identification necessary to relate</i>• <i>individually to Black alcoholics and to resonate within the Black community in general?</i>• <i>Does it adequately reflect the experience of Black alcoholics/members of AA?</i>• <i>Is the pamphlet relevant to today’s AA audience?</i>• <i>Does it adequately reflect the experience of Black alcoholics/members of A.A.?</i>• <i>Are there any specific issues or topics that are not adequately addressed in this pamphlet that would be helpful to include in a revised version?</i>• <i>New title? Any suggestion for a new title?</i>
What your group might consider:	How does your group feel about the questions under consideration for the pamphlet update?
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