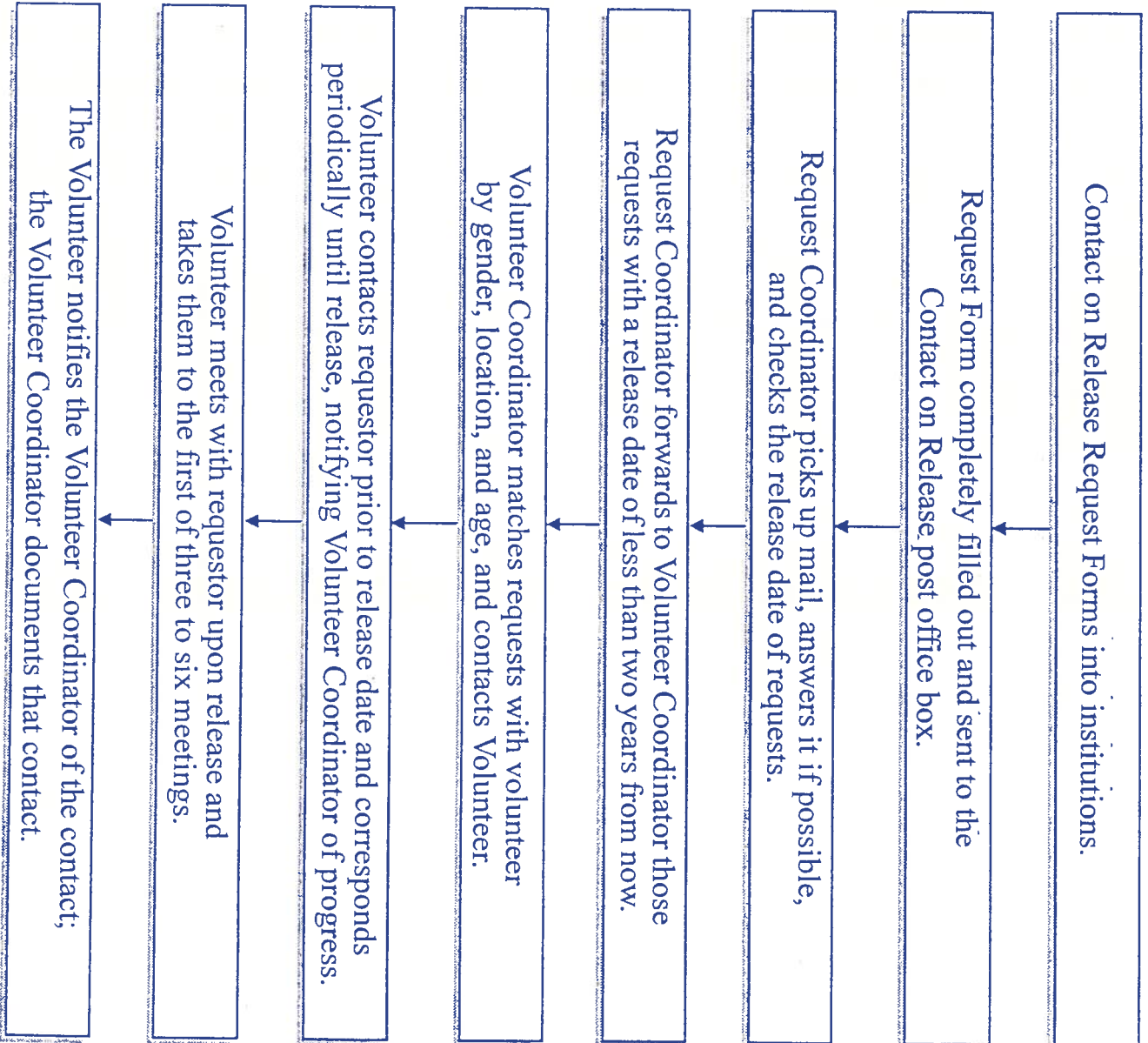


Contact on Release Volunteer Sign-Up Form

Name		Gender M F	Speak Spanish? Yes No
Address			
City	State	Zip	
Area (<i>SDSU, Clairemont, PB, etc.</i>)		Phone—Day/Evening (<i>include area code</i>)	
Home Group and Location			
E-Mail Address (<i>optional</i>)		Interested in the Committee? Yes No	

Mail to:
SDIA Contact on Release Committee
PO Box 23431
San Diego, CA 92193

Contact on Release Committee Flow Chart



CONTACT: ON RELEASE VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

PURPOSE

The purpose of AA Contact on Release is to introduce alcoholics being released from correctional facilities and treatment centers to AA in their home area.

CONTACT ON RELEASE COMMITTEE

The Contact on Release Committee is a standing committee of the San Diego-Imperial Area Assembly (SDIAA). It cooperates with the Institutions (H&I) and Cooperation with The Professional community (CPC) Committees of the SDIAA and with Central Offices and Intergroups in San Diego and Imperial Counties. *Any AA member may volunteer to act as a contact or become a committee member.* Additional information about Contact on Release activities in the US and Canada can be found in the Conference-approval pamphlet, "Bridging the Gap," published by Alcoholics Anonymous World Services (AAWS).

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer AA members, acting in pairs, meet the newly released alcoholic and accompany him or her to an AA meeting.

You will be making the initial contact arrangements with the soon-to-be released member yourself. You should take them to a meeting upon their release. Your commitment is to take them to between three and six meetings. The main objective, of course, is to introduce them to other AA members and to encourage them to obtain phone numbers. Volunteers then follow up with the Volunteer Coordinator to apprise them of the status of the contact.

On your own, you may choose to take your contact to additional meetings, but you should avoid becoming a taxi service. Contact on Release is *not sponsorship*, instead this is traditional Twelfth Step work.

AA Contact on Release does not provide food, housing, clothing, jobs money or other welfare or social services. Nor do we imply that these services are a part of what we, as AA members, do.

TREATMENT FACILITIES

Most treatment facilities allow phone calls to and from patients. This information will be provided to you to make contact plans.

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

Experience has shown that your full name, home address and phone number should not be given to inmates. In many cases this is also illegal. You will be using the following address for return correspondence from inmates (your mail will be forwarded to you):

SDIA Contact on Release Committee

Attn: *(your name here)*

P.O. Box 23431

San Diego, CA 92193

Ph: 866-756-5477

Email: contactonrelease@yahoo.com

VOLUNTEERING TO BE A CONTACT

If you are interested in serving as an AA contact, please complete the attached form and mail it to our post office box.

VOLUNTEERING TO BE A CONTACT ON RELEASE COMMITTEE MEMBER

To make this process work, a lot of help is needed. The word must be gotten out to the AAs in institutions that we are available. Help is needed in coordinating our work with other AA service committees. Presentations are needed to explain our work to AA groups, and how they can help. Someone has to match up requests with volunteers.

These are just a few of the things necessary to make this work happen. If you are interested in being a part of this vital Twelfth Step work, please feel free to attend the meeting of the Contact on Release Committee, held on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m., at the San Diego Central Office, 7075 Mission Gorge Road, Suite B, in Mission Valley.

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Contact on Release



I am responsible...

*when anyone, anywhere,
reaches out for help, I want
the hand of A.A. always to be there,
and for that, I am responsible.*