

Oxford House
Presentations to
Treatment Centers/Professional Boards

- Start by introducing yourself and telling about your experience with Oxford House. Keep it brief and if you are comfortable let people know you are a recovering individual.
- Then explain that you are going to show the 60 minutes DVD as it gives a great overview on Oxford House. Mention that the numbers have changed over the past few years and that we have more houses now.
- When the tape is over ask if there are any questions so far.
- At this time review the history of Oxford House in your state.
- Go over basics of how Oxford House works: democratic processes, officer positions, business meetings, caring and sharing, relapses and disruptive behavior, sample guidelines, probationary periods, and the interview process.
- If you were presenting to Treatment Professionals this is a time you hand out the directory and accompanying information. Go over criteria and explain that we understand that they may want some clients to go to a halfway house environment and that is understood by us, however Oxford House can be a very valuable place for people who are ready.
- Open for questions.

Some helpful hints:

- ✓ Always dress professionally.
- ✓ Take packets of information with you to hand out.
- ✓ If someone asks a question you are unsure of don't be afraid to tell him or her you will check on it and get back to him or her later.