

## Suggested Outline for Assessment of the Group

### I. The Environment

- A. Material about the environment in which the group finds itself. This should include: information about the community, the neighborhood and agency and/or institution. The material used here should not be elaborate. However, it should provide a framework for the assessment of the group per se.

### II. The Group

#### A. History

1. When the group began.
2. How the group was formed.
3. Those who worked with the group in the past.
4. Original members still in the group.
5. Recommendations of the last worker, if any.
6. Any other factors known about the group's past.

#### B. Present group characteristics

1. Type of group.
2. The composition of the group in terms of numbers, age range, sex, socio-cultural background, socio-economic background, educational background, etc.
3. How the group fits into the agency (or institution).

#### C. Group Goals and Purposes

1. The long range goals and short range goals of group as perceived by the group.
2. How the goals of the group relate to individual member goals.
3. The worker's goals.
4. How the goals of the group relate to the worker's goals.

#### D. Elements of Group Behavior

1. The nature of the group interaction:
  - a. The quality of the interpersonal relationships among group members (emotional aspects: aggressive, warm, friendly, hostile, etc.).
  - b. Their rating and ranking of relationships.
  - c. Their role in relationships: (types of roles, patterns of participation, the acceptance - rejection relationships).
  - d. The group controls that emerge.