Basic Questions

The supervisor contemplating group supervision needs to think through basic questions before embarking on such an effort:

- 1. Will it be defined as supervision or peer consultation?
- 2. What methods will be used to get practitioners to risk exposure in group supervision, and how will anxiety about such risk be handled?
- 3. How will competitiveness be handled?
- 4. How will overly verbal and reticent members be handled?
- 5. How do you deal with the different back- grounds and skill levels of practitioners in the group?
- 6. How will case monitoring be handled?
- 7. What are the advantages of group super- vision in comparison to individual supervision?
- 8. How will transference and counter transference material be handled?
- 9. What techniques will be used to initiate thesupervision successfully?
- 10. Who will be supervised in the group orgroups?
- 11. How large will the group be?
- 12. What day and time will the group meet?
- 13. What limits will be set on the group, and how will they be presented?
- 14. How will resisters be handled?
- 15. What impact will the group have on other elements of the agency or organization?
- 16. Who will be responsible for setting the agenda?
- 17. How many supervisors will be in the group?
- 18. How many groups will be used?
- 19. What are the main purposes for establishing a group?
- 20. How will the goals of group supervision differ from the goals of individual supervision?
- 21. In what different ways will the supervisor interact in group supervision and in individual supervision?
- 22. How will the supervisor structure the group?
- 23. How will feedback be channeled?
- 24. How will group commitment and identity be fostered?
- 25. What kind and amount of record keeping will be done?
- 26. How will therapy be avoided if it is to be avoided?
- 27. How will the group be used to improve working relationships?
- 28. Should the supervisor present cases?
- 29. How will poor presentations be handled?
- 30. Will the group be time limited or open ended?