

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY COALITION FOR RECOVERY**  
**Education Committee:**  
**Minutes**

Date: January 19, 2010

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**Co-Chair(s): Sandy Beahm, Dennis Hughes**

**Note taker: Nancy Hornicek**

**Attendees: Regina Janov, William Boyce, Candice Henry, Sarah Goldstein, Sandy Beahm, Nancy Hornicek, Mike Gruber, Dennis Hughes, Vicki Boynes, Paul Wittman, Vanessa Mayers, Debbie Duch**

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**Brief Announcements:**

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**Agenda Item: Next steps for the Education Committee**

**Committee Goal Being Addressed: Providers will communicate more respectfully with persons in the service system and recognize their strengths and talents.**

**Discussion: Members of the committee were asked to research articles and information on the topics of First Person language and Respectful Communication. The committee members reviewed some of the information collected and began a discussion on potential uses for the material in a project centered on communication and stigma reduction. The group decided to limit the scope of the initiative by focusing on providers. In its next sessions the committee will continue to develop and refine the initiative.**

<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Target Date</b>
Education Committee project involving Person-First Language and Respectful Communication	Committee	On going

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**Agenda Item: Willard Suitcases Exhibit**

**Committee Goal being addressed: Education Committee support for the project**

**Discussion: The committee discussed the upcoming exhibit which will be held at the University of Pittsburgh in the fall. The discussion centered around ways the committee might become involved with the initiative.**

<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Target Date</b>
The committee is requesting more information from the Willard planning group and will consider the scope of its participation.	Committee	On going

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**Next Meeting Date, Location, and Time:**

**Tuesday February 16, 2010. CCHB 112 Washington Place, 7<sup>th</sup> floor. 12:30 to 2:00 pm**