

**Allegheny County Coalition for Recovery**  
**Education Committee Minutes**  
**February 16, 2010**

**Co-Chairs:** Sandy Beahm, Dennis Hughes

**Attendees:** William Boyce, Candice Henry, Sandy Beahm, Dennis Hughes, Vanessa Mayers, Debbie Duch

**Introductions**

**Review and approval of minutes from 1/19/10 meeting.**

**Announcements:**

Mental Health Advanced Directive Train the Trainer session scheduled for 3/25/10 at the Human Services Building. Registration required thru NAMI.

Consumer Health Coalition Academy of Empowered Consumers classes (3) to be held at Human services Building on 1/31/10, 3/14/10 and 6/6/10.

Dennis spoke about movement to create a National Vietnam Veterans Day. 8 states in support.

Community Care Recovery Conference, "Creating Hope, Developing Communities of Care for Children, Youth, Young Adults and Families", is scheduled for 3/23/10 at the Omni William Penn.

Upcoming ELI trainings for March include evening trainings at the Veterans Place over 2 week span (M, T, Th from 6-9); trainings at New Horizons over 4 week span (2-4); trainings on Saturdays at MHA (3/13, 3/20 and 3/27 from 10-4).

**Updates from Steering Committee:**

Some persons have experienced delay in receiving payment from ACCR. Process for issuing payments is being reviewed to help with reducing delays.

Willard Suitcase Project exhibit in September will be promoted by ACCR. Committees are reviewing ways they can support the exhibit. Discussion around possible Education Committee presentation in collaboration with the exhibit and making recovery resources available to exhibit participants.

**Agenda Item:** Person First Language and Literature Review/Next Steps for Education Committee

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

Discussion: Committee reviewed ways in which the person first language information could be shared with providers. Suggestion made to ask inpatient providers what information would be helpful to them and in what format. Debbie agreed to ask for feedback from inpatient providers and report back to the committee. William gave update on Social Marketing Meaningful Activity Project. Suggestion made to seek feedback from service coordinators involved in this project on use of person first language resources.

**Agenda Item:** Committee Budget and Estimated Amount of Expenditures for FY

Discussion: Education Committee budget was reviewed. Estimates for remainder of FY were: \$500 for Hope and Change booklet distribution; continue with fees for co-chair and minute recorder. No volunteer advisors participating in committee at this time. Vanessa to follow up on ELI line item with her supervisor at MHA.

**Agenda Item:** Hope and Change Booklet Distribution

Committee Goal Being Addressed: People receiving services, family members and significant others will have a better understanding of recovery and recovery principles.

Discussion: Sub-Committee in need of new members to help with booklet distribution. Sub-Committee will plan to meet before next Education Committee meeting and will provide update.

**Next meeting date, time and location:**

Tuesday, March 16, 2010 from 12:30-2:00pm. Community Care Behavioral Health, One Chatham Center, 112 Washington Place, 7<sup>th</sup> floor.