

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

Date: March 16, 2010

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

**Note taker:** Nancy Hornicek

**Attendees:** Vanessa Mayers, Candice Henry, Vicki Boynes and William Boyce

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**Brief Announcements:**

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**Agenda Item:** Future Education committee projects particularly the scope of the proposed Person-First Language initiative

**Committee Goal Being Addressed:** The development of a project which will provide educational materials to service providers regarding the need to communicate respectfully to and about individuals with mental illness.

**Discussion:** The committee was informed that a brief survey of members of a provider group has revealed that some individuals feel that a training regarding the use of Person-First Language might be difficult to conduct due to the staffing needs of many providers. The committee discussed other possible formats for the project. A decision was made to consider a brochure as a viable option. The committee wishes to review a brochure developed by a group from the state of West Virginia for its potential as a model.

<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Target Date</b>
The committee will review the West Virginia brochure and other resources as it begins to develop its own tool. The brochure and other tools will be brought to the next meeting for review	Bill	4-20-10

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

**Committee Goal Being Addressed:** Distribution of Educational materials

Discussion: The committee has begun a discussion of next steps in the distribution effort. The group has decided to review all of the distribution efforts to date so that it may gage next steps.

<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Target Date</b>
All distribution related materials will be brought to the next meeting for review.	Bill	4-20-10

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

**April 20, 2010 CCBH 112 Washington Place Pittsburgh PA 12:30 pm**