

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

Date: April 20, 2010

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

**Note taker:** Nancy Hornicek

**Attendees:** Candice Henry, William Boyce, Debbie Duch

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**Brief Announcements:** Education Committee Co-Chairperson Sandy Beahm will be accepting a position with the Veterans' Administration in Butler County. Sandy will be leaving her position as committee co-chair. Candice Henry, who is currently serving as an interne with the VA will be graduating from the University of Pittsburgh in May.

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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 Education Committee discussed the potential scope and content of a brochure on the topic of Person-first Language. Among the topics under discussion was whether the content of the brochure will address mental illness exclusively or if it be written to provide information across a wide spectrum of disabilities

| <b>Action Item</b>  | <b>Person Responsible</b> | <b>Target Date</b> |
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| The committee members will review the materials which have been collected and come to next months meeting prepare to recommend specific content for the brochure. | All                       | 5-18-10            |
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**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 gauge next steps. The group is requesting to see an estimate of the total number of books distributed. The committee also would like to learn about the outcomes from the ACCR website based survey.

| <b>Action Item</b>   | <b>Person Responsible</b> | <b>Target Date</b> |
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| All distribution related materials will be brought to the next meeting for review. Discussion will continue on a ongoing basis | All                       |                    |
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**Next Meeting Date, Location, and Time:**

**May 18, 2010 CCBH 112 Washington Place Pittsburgh PA 12:30 pm**