

**Allegheny County Coalition for Recovery  
Membership Committee**

**March 17, 2010  
Minutes**

**Goal:**

To further the vision and mission for the Allegheny County Coalition for Recovery in promoting person-centered and recovery-oriented MH and substance abuse services in Allegheny County through increasing and sustaining a broad range of stakeholder membership on its committees and in participation in activities.

**Strategies to use to achieve this goal:**

1. Recruit new members from across a broad spectrum of stakeholders for all ACCR
2. Orient and train new members to ACCR & community action skills.
3. Mentor and support current membership.
4. Retain membership through regular contact & annual appreciation event.

**Attendance: Khayran Hayes, Rebecca Wimbs, Chris Weis, Bill Boyce, Chari Frederick, Meg Park, Elise Barr, Donna Edwards, Denise Weis, Daryl Carr, Nneka Hawthorne, Gail Lacy**

**Welcome & Introductions began at 12:35 p.m.**

**Brief Announcements:**

- **Mental Health America is moving June 5 to 100 Sheridan Square in East Liberty (across from the CVS). There is no parking; however, there is meter/street parking. ACCR Membership is welcome to continue meeting at MHA beginning in July 2010.**
- **Legislative Breakfast is April 9 at the Dept. of Human Services (1 Smithfield Street).**
- **Community Care Conference is on March 23, 2010. Registrations should have been in by March 16, 2010.**
- **Value BH is holding a Consumer Recovery Forum on April 16 at West Moreland Community College.**
- **Project Prom (coordinated with Dept. of Human Services) where girls can receive prom apparel and guys can receive tuxedo vouchers will be held at Century III Mall on March 24 & 25. For more information, contact Nneka.**
- **The NAMI Conference will be held April 23 & 24. Scholarships are available from Allegheny County Community Support Program (CSP) and Western Region CSP.**
- **Day of "Self" Discovery 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference will be held on May 19.**
- **The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Consumer/Family Conference will be held on May 19 at Torrance State Hospital.**
- **On Election Day there are openings for constable in Shadyside. Contact Virginia Corn at 412-363-5399.**
- **The Invisible Village Theater group will perform on May 20 in West Moreland County.**
- **Various acronyms used within the mental health field can be viewed on the ACCR website.**

**Reviewed Minutes: Minutes approved-no corrections to the minutes.**

**Reviewed Agenda-no changes.**

**Topic # 1:** Update on Recruitment                      Bill                      Time: **10 - 15 minutes**

**Committee Goal being Addressed:** Recruit new members from across a broad spectrum of stake holders for all ACCR.

Discussion/Decision(s): Bill and Denise conducted a recruitment session at MBH: South Ninth Street (SNS). Goal is to conduct one per month. More time may be needed for the sessions. Topic was “Meaningful Activity”. Recruitment subcommittee would like to go out in April to recruit new members. Suggested sites: Howard Levine, Peoples Oakland, Mercy Behavioral Health: Liberty Place Clubhouse and 910 Penn Avenue.

<b>Activity/Assignment</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Target Deadline</b>
Set up next recruitment session	Bill Boyce	April 30, 2010
Follow up with SNS to encourage ACCR membership	Bill Boyce	No timeline set
Members interested in conducting next recruitment session	Contact Bill	No timeline set

**Topic # 2:** Annual Appreciation Banquet      Meg                      Time: **30-45 minutes**

**Committee Goal being Addressed:** Membership Retention

Discussion/Decision(s):

Allegheny County Coalition for Recovery Membership Committee wants to show appreciation by holding an event to show appreciation for members.

- Brief review of last year’s event. Decision: Black & White theme; location will be Smithfield Street again; caterer will be the same as last year.
- Choosing a theme, speaker & topic-further discussion at next meeting. Suggested thoughts for the theme were discussed: I’m a force to be reckoned with; Teamwork; Together we can Achieve; You are the Driving Force; No Limits; Possible to Overcome; Inspiration and Appreciation.
- Budget: We have \$1500 from ACCR; additional funding is needed for the event. Funding must be spent by end of fiscal year even if event does not take place until after June 30.
- In order to prepare for the event we will have an additional meeting each month: First Wednesday @ 1 p.m. at the Mercy BH site in East Liberty. There will not be a meeting on May 19; may reschedule for a different date.

<b>Activity/Assignment</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Target Deadline</b>
Flowers for the Event	Denise Weis	No timeline set
Invitations	Elise will ask Phyllis Y. Nettles	No timeline set
Theme & Speaker	All members think about suggestions.	April 7 <sup>th</sup> Meeting
Find Additional Funding	No Decision	No timeline set

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**Topic # 3:** Orientation Update

Meg

Time: **10 - 15 minutes**

**Committee Goal being addressed:** Orient and Train (new) members to ACCR; learn the activities of the workgroups.

**Discussion/Decision(s):** Bill has a power point for Orientation. Table further discussion until next meeting.

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**Next Meeting: April 7, 2010**

**Meeting Adjourned at 2:00 p.m.**

**Minutes Submitted by**

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