

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COALITION FOR RECOVERY

Membership Committee

Date: 10/21/09

Minutes

In Attendance: Daryl Carr, Denise Weis, Elise Barr(co-chair), Dennis Hughes, William Boyce, Chris Weis, Chari Fredrick(co-chair), Khayran Hayes, Margaret Park

Doreen Barkowitz was not able to attend by phone as the speaker phone equipment was not working again.

Note Taker: Khayran Malik Hayes

Guests:

Those committee members present and guests present are shown in bold.

Announcements:

- Dennis thanks everyone for their kindness after last meeting due to someone breaking into his car.
- **ARC** (Association for Retarded Citizens) is having a conference Nov. 11-14 at the Westin Wm. Convention for info call (888)272-7229 ext460. Scholarship (412) 995-5000 ext. 515.
- **TASH** (The Association for severe handicaps is having a conference Nov. 18-21 at the Westin Wm. Convention for more info call (202) 540-9020. Scholarship (202) 540-9015

Minutes from previous meeting approved: Unavailable

Topic # 1: Writing thank you letters

- Margaret (letters) Chari will change her thank you letter.
- Letter for Eileen Brown will be done by Meg.
- Denise will write letter for Mary-Lou. Cheri will write letter for Western region.
- Bill will have all the letters by this up coming Friday to be mailed out.

We discussed as a committee an assignment from the Steering Committee on the goals they came up with for building capacity of ACCR

Assignment: Bill will write up the objectives and activities for ACCR that Membership discusses/decides on and present back to us before presenting to the whole Steering Committee.

First goal: Increase communication and collaboration between ACCR committees.

Discussion: 1 Minutes must be posted in a timely manner.

2. Newsletter (a volunteer position for someone to do). The Education Committee has spoken about doing this

3 It is recommended that the Steering Committee get a report from all committees.

4. Regular business/social meeting monthly or quarterly for all ACCR members.

Second Goal: Increase Diversity

Discussion:

1. There was some question as to what this meant. Some thought it pertained to the Drug and Alcohol Community and others thought it was that plus a much broader range of racial, religious and ethnic origin.

2. Invited Nneka Hawthorne from the Cultural and Linguistics Competency Workgroup to join us

3. Khayran will invite some people who are more diverse

Decisions: Educate ground stigma to all people.

Increase awareness that ACCR values and respects diversity

ACCR is where diversity is accepted and respected.

Make people feel comfortable (Outreach)

Third Goal: ACCR will create opportunities for members to participate (after they are employed) and for working family members to participate.

1. One possibility is to have meetings of committees and work groups meet in the early evening.
2. Another possibility was to have quarterly meetings in the evening when all ACCR members would meet for a “business” meeting.

Fourth Goal: ACCR will increase collaboration and strengthen alliances.

Discussion: Business / Social meeting non traditional lunch quarterly

Decisions: Review accomplishments, recruitment (Bring a friend)

Each committee discusses what they do. (Meet and greet) Speaker Dennis recruitment both.

Fifth Goal: Become a 501(C) 3 so that we can be our own fiduciary, hire consumers, and open Recovery-Support Centers.

Decision: This was a suggestion from Chris Weis. The goal was not chosen by the Steering Committee so the Membership Committee had no responsibility to come up with objectives and activities to build ACCR capacity in this manner.

The next meeting: Wednesday November 18, 2009, 12:30 to 2:00 PM