

## ALLEGHENY COUNTY COALITION FOR RECOVERY (ACCR)

### Membership Committee Date: November 18, 2009 MINUTES

**In Attendance:** Elise Barr (Co-Chair), William Boyce, Daryl Carr, Chari Frederick (Co-Chair), Meg Park, Chris Weis, Denise Weis (Doreen Barkowitz-unable to connect via phone)

Meeting began at 12:40 p.m. with welcome and introductions: Daryl Carr read the ACCR mission; and Denise Weis read the Membership Committee Goal.

**Minutes from previous meeting approved** with the following corrections: corrections to the spelling of Chari Frederick's name.

#### **Announcements:**

- Community Care has a conference on March 23, 2010.
- At the AHCI Conference, six individuals expressed an interest in being apart of ACCR.
- ACCR Public Awareness is changing the location of their meeting due to parking issues. New location: COG Building located at 201 E. 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Room 206. Next meeting will be December 8 @ 2 p.m.
- Chari will rewrite her Thank You Letter.
- ACCR minutes are due to the Co-Chairs two weeks prior to the next meeting; the Co-Chairs will send the minutes to Meg, who will forward them to AHCI for posting on the web.

**Topic # 1:** Assignment from Steering Committee/Update

**Discussion:** ACCR Capacity/Organizational Development Goals (Handout)

#### **Decisions/ Action Items:**

- Goal 1: Increase communication and collaboration between ACCR committees  
Action Steps: Propose a periodic business/social gathering; Suggest that each ACCR Committee follow existing protocol for submitting minutes and having minutes posted on the ACCR website; Suggest brief Committee reports at the Steering Committee.
  - Goal 2: Increase diversity within ACCR  
Action Steps: Propose monthly outreach to various diverse groups/organizations/meetings, to include discussing ACCR & Recovery (such as to Drug & Alcohol groups, mosques, etc.)
  - Goal 3: Create opportunities for members to participate after they are employed.  
Action Steps: Propose a periodic business/social gathering during non-traditional hours; utilize other technology, such as webinars and teleconferences, for meetings.
  - Goal 4: Increase collaboration and strengthen alliances.  
Action Steps: Propose partnering with CMU; having "Dialogues" with diverse groups with diverse facilitators; reaching out to diverse individuals/groups (such as, Nieka)
- Person(s) responsible:** Meg Park and William Boyce will submit the Committee's recommendations.

**Topic # 2: What is the purpose of ACCR?**

**Discussion:** Recruit members to further promote “Recovery”; Increase awareness that people can and do recover; A collaboration of diverse stakeholders (workgroups) to promote the mission; be a conduit for Recovery. We also discussed that “support” is a by-product of the ACCR workgroups.

**Topics # 3 and #4: Tabled until December**

**Next Meeting:**

**Date:** Wednesday, December 16, 2009

**Time:** 12:30 p.m.

**Location:** MHA, P.H.S.D.S. Building located at 1945 Fifth Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

Minutes prepared by

*Elise Barr*