

Allegheny County Coalition For Recovery (ACCR)

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Co-chairs: Bill Boyce and Meg Park (Interims)

Note-taker: Gail Lacy

Attendance: Meg Park, Khayran Hayes, Gail Lacy, Daryl Carr, Elise Barr, Dennis Hughes, Denise Weis, William Boyce, Chari Frederick, Doreen Barkowitz (By Phone)

- Welcome & introductions began at 12:35 p.m.. The committee welcomes new members Khayran Malik Hayes and Daryl Carr!
- We then reviewed the agenda. Minutes from previous meeting approved
- Announcements
 - Dennis Hughes (Veteran) is contributing author about Viet Nam veteran in a book; see www.abc-clio.com for more information.
 - We would like Danette to know we are thinking about her; individual cards to be sent.
 - ACCR calendar has been updated for the fall season of conferences; the website does include scholarship information (NY Psych Rehab, etc.) and information on the G20 Summit.
 - New members of the committee need the ACCR notebooks.
 - The County is beginning the planning for a pilot to ensure all consumers to have psychiatric advanced directives.

Topic # 1: Thank you cards/letters. Assignments were as follows the deadline is for letters to be sent to Meg, she will put on ACCR letterhead and bring to September meeting for co-chairs to sign.

Denise Weis: John Farmer (Event Speaker)

Meg Park: Mary Lu Zemaitis (past CPC Committee Advisor) and Eileen Brown set up the tables and made arrangements for the air conditioner to be on.

Bill Boyce: Mrynas Catering and the florist

Discussion/Decisions: September 2, 2009 is when all the thank you letters should be out. For the future Elise Barr will make ACCR Membership Committee note cards.

Table: Discussion to recruit and/or train a new Committee Advisor.

Topic # 2: Membership committee co-chairs

Discussion and decisions:

- Elise Barr was nominated for the provider co-chair. She has the position of supervisor at the Mercy Behavior Health Renaissance Center East. The ACCR membership voted Elise as the co-chair.
- Chari Frederick was nominated for co-chair; Chari is very active in mental health field, including advocating for others. The ACCR membership voted Chari as the co-chair.
- Elise and Chari agreed to serve as co-chairs.

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Topic # 3: Trainings to begin in September?

Discussions and Decisions: Trainings needed: orientation to ACCR (including “what is recovery”, medical –vs- recovery model, etc.); leadership development/community activist; mentorship, possibly will come under the other areas. Discussion included having a newsletter on website; Meg and Bill suggested Public Awareness for the newsletter

Next Meeting: Continue discussion on the curriculum, when trainings will begin and possible trainers.

- Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by

Gail Lacy

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