

## **ACCR COMMITTEE MINUTES: Quality Improvement**

**Thursday, July 10, 2009**

**Co-Chairs:** James Kindler and Wes Sowers

**Notetaker:** Wes Sowers

**Attendees:** Steve Christian-Michaels, Elizabeth Dembowski, Sarah Goldstein, Nancy Hamilton, Harold Hartger, James Kindler, Victoria Livingstone, Jennifer Macioce, Bridget McNamee, Ellie Medved, Meg Park, Wes Sowers.

**Preliminaries:** With three new members, we started with introductions and a brief account of our current task. Welcome Elizabeth, Nancy and Jennifer!

We briefly discussed the ordering of 40,000 brochures presenting the service planning principles.

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### **Agenda Item: SPA Initiative**

Steve gave a brief update and presented a timeline for the rollout of the CANS and ANSA assessments and the Universal Treatment Plan. There will need to be a significant stakeholder review prior to formal adoption and implementation in addition to approval from OMHSAS. He also presented a proposal to replace the domains that the committee has developed with those of ANSA.

**Discussion:** There was some discussion re: the domains. There were concerns about the language used and about the large number of categories. There were concerns that consumers would find this system complex and difficult to understand. Nevertheless, with the recognition that this system will most likely be adopted by the County in a form that is close to its present appearance, there is a need to assure an easy translation of the assessment domains into the service plan.

**Action:** Wes, Harold, Steve, and Ellie will work on developing an interface for integration of the two approaches that will preserve the best of both.

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### **Agenda Item: Goals for the ACCR in 2009-10**

The Steering Committee asked that all committees give input on goals for the Coalition for the year ahead. The next two Steering committee meetings will be devoted to the consideration of these suggestions and developing an agenda for the ACCR.

#### **Discussion:**

The Quality Committee came up with five suggestions:

1. Improve the continuity of member participation (replacing consumers who get employment and then can't come to meetings).
2. Develop alternative ways to participate in the ACCR (apart from committee attendance at meetings, i.e. conference calls when schedules are too packed for travel).
3. Increase the scope of the Coalition through liaisons and involvement with allied organizations.
4. Develop capacity to provide consultation and technical assistance.
5. Convene an Allegheny County Recovery Forum to examine progress with recovery oriented care and celebrate achievements with each other.

**Action Items**

Take suggestion back to Steering Committee

Persons Responsible: Meg Park and James Kindler.

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There was no time left for additional agenda items, so we will reconvene in August and continue work on the USP

**Announcement**

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 7, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. in room 305