

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY COALITION FOR RECOVERY**  
**Quality Improvement**  
**Minutes**  
**August 7, 2009**

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

**Note Taker:** Diane Johnson

**Attendees:** Meg Park, Elizabeth Dembowski, Harold Hartger, Jeanine Rasky, Monica R. Fisher, Bridget McNamee, James Kindler, Wes Sowers and Diane Johnson

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**Announcements:**

- Alternative Conference: Oct 29 to Nov ?—Meg Park will be Presenting
  - ACHI Conference: Nov 2-4 (for more details go to the [www.coalitionforrecovery.org](http://www.coalitionforrecovery.org)).
  - September is National Drug & Alcohol Awareness Month- (In honor of this momentous occasion there will be a lot of celebrations going on! There will be a Jazz Band; Lynn Hayes Freeland will be there, also a special guest from the University of Pgh.
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**Agenda Item # 1: SPA Initiative, the Common/Universal Plan and the Adult Needs and Strengths Assessment (ANSA)**

Jeanine Rasky gave the committee an update on the latest draft of the Child Assessment of Needs and Strengths (CANS), for Allegheny County She also handed out the Comprehensive Score Sheet and DHS COMMON PLAN template. She also explained how the plans broke down and was set. The breakdown showed the principles and treatment planning & assessments which integrated into the service plan. The planning included various stakeholders across a broad spectrum

**Discussion and Decision:** 3 Sets: DHS, Strength Base & Consumer Focus

Some concerns were raised regarding the recovery-orientation of the CANS, from which the ANSA was based. The committee addressed whether we could be effective in taking our concerns to the DHS and SPA workgroups for review and editing of the domains and the common plan..

**Concerns:**

\*Formats of the common plan, the universal plan we have been designing and the assessment tool itself don't seem to be compatible with each other.

\*The assessment tool could be more recovery-focus versus-system-oriented (Something incorporated into the Recovery Tool) and less disease focused.

\*Holistic of Everyone's needs: physical health and wellness as well as a larger spirituality component

\*It doesn't seem as though the adults' needs and the children's needs quite line up as developmental issues are different

\*(Nuisance) Gap in services/ Natural & Community services needed-community needs are vastly different for adults once school and other services gets dropped.

\*Concerns about DHS common plan -- "Consumers name" We would rather just insert the person's name

**Assignments: SPA Steering Committee: first Friday of the month, 2:30 to 4:30 at FSWP at their East Liberty site.**

\* Meg requested that Jeanine Rasky or other member of the DHS Common Plan/ANSA development workgroup begin to attend the SPA Steering Committee on a regular basis as the process of a universal plan nears its deadline for completion in early 2010. Jeanine assured the Committee there would be steady representation.

\* Wes Sowers has also been invited to attend the SPA SC regularly—he will check his calendar and other priorities for his availability.

\* Keith Solomon has been on the QI mailing list for some time now. Jeanine Rasky and Robin Orlando will be added. Robin Orlando is the DHS (Executive Offices) Systems Integration Specialist who is working on the common plan initiative.

There will be a broad stakeholder review process engaged as Allegheny County moves forward with the SPA initiative. The ANSA Development & Implementation Committee is lead by Stephen Christian –Michaels and includes Robin Orlando, Audra Dudek, Mike Gruber, Kim Falk and Sheila Bell August through December with a presentation slated for January 2010 to stakeholders.

#### Agenda Item # 2—ACCR Steering Committee Update

Last month the ACCR Steering Committee asked all 7 active committees to come up with goals for 2010. The first of 2 extended strategic planning sessions was completed. A great deal of work was done compiling and combining the goals by the SC workgroup on planning. Goals generally fit into 2 categories: mission and vision focus or activities. Often the various committees came up with similar goal suggestions that will be merged.

#### **Action Item: update on August planning meeting**

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**Who:** James, Wes, and Meg

#### **Next Quality Improvement Meeting**

**Friday September 4, 2009 (first Friday of the month)**

**When: 12:00 to 1:30**

**Where: CCBH room 305**