

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COALITION FOR RECOVERY
Steering Committee:
Minutes

Date: October 1, 2009

Co-Chairs: Craig Dorin Verna Johnson

Note taker: Mike Gruber

Steering Committee Members (*): **Sharon Alberts, Sandra Beahm**, Terri Bishop, William Boyce, Mary Jo Dickson, Craig Dorin, Chari Frederick, **Sarah Goldstein, Mike Gruber, Harold Hartger**, *Bernice Hayes*, Shirlee Hopper-Scherch, **Dennis Hughes, Verna L. Johnson, James Kindler, Melissa Medice, Meg Park, Chelsea Quattrone, Sherry Shaffer, Wes Sowers, Robin Spencer, **Jessica Strong**, Albert Torcaso, **Curtis Upsher, Chris Weis, Denise Weis****

* Members present are shown in bold . Excused absences are <i>italicized</i>

Guests:

Welcome & Introductions: The meeting was opened by Co-Chair, Craig Dorin.

Agenda Item 1: ACHI Recovery Conference & Gift Basket
Committee Goal Being Addressed:

Discussion:

- Jessica Strong from ACHI requested ACCR donate a gift basket to be given away in a raffle at the ACHI Recovery Conference in November. Chris volunteered to contribute several items given to him by the Pirates this summer. SC voted to approve up to \$60 in expenses associated with the project.

Action Item	Person Responsible	Target Date
James and Jessica volunteered to contact the Penguins and the Steelers to request other items for the gift basket	ACCR Co-Chairs	10-30-09

Agenda Item 2: ACCR Co-Chair Election
Committee Goal Being Addressed:

Discussion: The ACCR by-laws require that Co-Chairs elections be held annually. Verna and Craig ran uncontested for a second term. The Steering Committee unanimously confirmed both to a second one year term.

Agenda Item 3: Membership Committee Co-chairs' Nomination
Committee Goal Being Addressed:

Discussion: Chari Frederick and Elise Barr were unanimously confirmed as Membership Committee Co-chairs.

Agenda Item 4: Refinement of Language for Draft Goal Pertaining to Social Justice
Committee Goal Being Addressed:

Discussion: At the August meeting, the Steering Committee adopted a draft goal that read, "*Stigma and discrimination will decrease and be recognized as a civil rights and social justice issue by increasing the public's awareness about recovery and resiliency of person's receiving services.*" The subcommittee developing objectives for this goal suggested the following modification to the goal – "*Stigma and discrimination will be recognized as civil rights and social justice issues that are barriers to recovery.*" The modification was unanimously accepted.

Agenda Item 5: Adoption of ACCR Objectives
Committee Goal Being Addressed:

Discussion:

Action Item	Person Responsible	Target Date
Committee Co-Chairs are to discuss the objectives with their respective committees, solicit ideas for activities to implement the objectives, and identify ways in which they might cooperatively work with other committees on these projects. Co-Chairs are to bring suggestions back to the Steering Committee at the next meeting	Co-Chairs	10/30/09

Next Meeting Date, Location, and Time:
Friday October 30, 2009 12:30-2:15
Life's Work 1325 Forbes Ave.