

ACCR Child and Family Committee

October 14, 2004

Meeting Summary

Present: Dianne Hartman, Brenda Lee, Victoria Livingstone, Nancy Reed, Tammy Marisco, Jan Boyd, Fred Fowler, Aurelia Carter, Sherri Morris, Wes Sowers, Barb Johnson, Curtis Upsher, Jr.

The meeting began with welcomes and introductions. Minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and approved. Wes gave a brief review of what had happened with the committee up to the present. There had been two previous meetings, in both instances there have been a dearth of consumers and family members. We spent some time considering this and how we should proceed. Some members felt that we should not go forward without everyone at the table. Wes provided some history of the Coalition's struggles with this issue, and there was some agreement that while there needed to be a plan to recruit participants, we would attract little interest if our meetings accomplished little else.

ACTION: We agreed to have committee members contact potential family participants and obtain some idea of how we can best accommodate their needs in terms of time, location and support, this information will be relayed to Jan or Wes by Tuesday, October 19, 2004. Each committee member will make an effort to recruit at least one family member or consumer to bring to the next meeting.

Continuing with the Agenda, we began to think about the scope of the committee. Information related to the resiliency concept in children was distributed, and there was some further discussion the distinctions and similarities between resiliency and recovery. We agreed that the committee needs to resolve whether both of these concepts should be incorporated in its charter. Likewise, there was discussion regarding the inclusion of families without an identified "child" patient. It was noted that there was interest in supporting families in distress and wishing to recover healthy functioning, and that many of these do not have a child as a focal point. There seemed to be some interest in including this population, but nothing definite was determined.

Brenda offered the MHA for the next meeting, and she and representatives from the county felt that there would be no problem arranging for food. We will set a time when family preferences are obtained, but would like to have the next meeting within the next month.