

## **ACCR Child and Family Committee**

**December 1, 2004**

### **Meeting Summary**

**Present:** Dianne Hartman, Brenda Lee, Nancy Reed, Tammy Marisco, Jan Boyd, Fred Fowler, Aurelia Carter, Wes Sowers, Kim Mathos, Scott Leatherby, Sherri Schaffer, Deb Freeman, Laura Barrett.

The meeting began with welcomes and introductions. The summary of the last meeting was reviewed and approved. Wes gave a brief review of what had happened with the committee up to the present since there were again new members present. There had been three previous meetings, in all of the meetings there has been difficulty attracting family members and consumers. We reiterated some of the perceived reasons for this. There was agreement that we should not go too far without this input. We discussed possible solutions to the problem and received valuable input from Laura (a family member) on how it was difficult to understand what was being discussed. There was consensus that there needed to be some education and incentives in place to attract families on an ongoing basis. We agreed to work toward an event that would provide a forum both for fun and for providing a framework within which families could be comfortable participating. We considered the role of dialogues or focus groups to get families engaged.

We agreed upon a two pronged approach. We will develop a document that crosswalks recovery and resiliency to help assure that similarities and differences are clarified. Deb, Sherri, Tammy, and Wes will work on that.. In addition, the committee requested that a recovery training be provided (to committee members), so that committee members were all on the same page and would speak a common language. Jan will work with the education committee of the ACCR to develop that.

An event will also be planned to recruit families. Jan, Aurelia, Nancy, Laura, and Dianne will work on that event.

We agreed to put other agenda items on hold at this time. The next meeting was set for January 11, 2005 at 12 pm. It will be at the MHA once again and lunch will be provided.