

ACCR Child and Family Committee
Meeting Summary
February 8, 2005

Present: Wes Sowers, Jeanette Lee, Curtis Upsher, Victoria Livingstone, Sherry Shaffer, Jan Boyd, Dianne Hartman, Fred Fowler, Sandy Dolan, Tammy Marsico.

We began with introductions...but forgot to pass a sign in sheet, so my apologies if I don't have everyone right. We had two new participants (Jeannette and Sandy) both family members, and we welcomed them with enthusiasm. Deb Freeman, Sharri Morris, and Aurelia Carter had indicated that they would be unable to make the meeting. Steve Jewel replied that this time would not ever work for him.

We reviewed the summary from January 11th and approved it by consensus.

We went on to discuss recruitment. Sandy indicated that she has two family members who are interested in participating, but could not come today due to other obligations. Laura Barnett could not attend today due to family illness. Despite apparent progress, we re-emphasized the need to expand participation. Jan said she felt that the committee should be made up of at least 50% Consumer/Family Member participants. We reiterated the plan articulated in earlier meetings for enhancing service user participation. We will continue individual efforts to recruit in the short term, but will use the "Family Event" (see below) as the focus for these efforts. The hope is that we will have a focus and structure that is clear enough at that time to attract service users to the effort.

We then reviewed revisions to the "Recovery vs Resiliency" Document. There was some reorganization and categorization of the document since the last meeting. Some additional edits were suggested and Sherry will include them in the next iteration of the document. This will be reviewed via email prior to our next meeting.

Jan discussed plans for the recovery training that committee members requested. She noted that there have been some delays in establishing pilot training teams for the education committee, and that the intentions was to use these teams to provide this training. It is hoped that they will be formed in time to provide a training at the next meeting. If not, we will put together a separate training group, so that the training will not be delayed further. We will expand the time allotted for the next meeting to two hours so that this can be accomplished.

We spent the remainder of the time considering what we would like to do with the Family Event that we have been discussing. The subcommittee will use these ideas to develop a plan and present it to the committee by April. We left this with a consensus that the event should focus on persons who are activists and who could have some interest in participating. It will include some educational and "fun"activities so that it will have appeal to families. Child care will also need to be available.

The next meeting will be on March 8, 2005 from 12:00PM to 2:00PM. This will be the training, so extra efforts to get service user involvement are needed!