

ACCR Committee Minutes Form

Date: July 20, 2006

Name of Committee: ACCR – Child and Family Committee

Co-Chair(s): Sherry Shaffer; Wes Sowers

Note taker: Wes Sowers (at the moment)

Attendees: Sherry Shaffer, Ryan Turner, Victoria Livingstone, Fred Fowler, Tamara Marsico, Sara Goldstein

Agenda Item: Guidelines for RROS for Children & Families

Committee Goal Being Addressed: Complete a Child and Family Version of the ACCR “Guidelines for Developing Recovery Oriented BH systems”

Discussion: Committee members reviewed changes made from prior meeting. Suggestion by Deb Ferraro made to reword reference to “Resiliency *occurs when there is* a strong bond within family...” Group agreed with suggestion and will change to “Resiliency *is enhanced when* there is a strong bond...” Review of final sections in the Prevention Section titled “Health Promotion and Resource Development”. No changes suggested. Group agreement that this is the “final” version of the draft and ready for broader review with stakeholders.

Suggestions for circulation to the following child/family advocacy and consumer groups were discussed. Group discussed options for effective means to solicit review and meaningful feedback. After discussion, group agreed that we will solicit input from more families, youth and advocacy organizations. Providers are well represented on the sub-committee, so no plan to circulate for provider input. Broader distribution to other state, educational and federal organizations will occur once Allegheny County families, youth and advocates have input. Sara suggested we develop a survey tool or set of open ended questions to accompany the guidelines and help structure input. e.g. Did we accomplish what we set out to do in the introduction? (To assist providers and organizations establishing Resilience and Recovery Oriented Services and encourage discussion about practices and approaches that promote resilience and recovery for individuals impacted by illness)

Action Item	Person Responsible	Target Date
Sherry will ask Mike Gruber to circulate final draft to ACCR Steering Committee for review prior to broader circulation to families, advocacy organizations, consumer groups for review/input. ACCR Steering Cmte allowed 2 weeks to review.	Sherry	8/11/06
Consider posting document on ACCR website for comment – for discussion at ACCR Steering Cmte	ACCR Steering Cmte	7/28/06
Develop survey tool/questions to structure comments/input from families, youth, advocacy groups and self-advocates to guidelines.	All	9/30/06
Circulate to family, youth, advocacy organizations and self-advocates for review and input.	Sherry	10/06

Agenda Item: Resiliency & Recovery: A side by side comparison

Committee Goal Being Addressed: Identify common elements (and differences) of Resilience for children/youth and Recovery for Adults. Educate providers, children, youth, families and the general community about the concept of resilience. .

Discussion: Group reviewed the side-by-side guide and identified key concepts or indicators of resilience that were missing from the Guidelines.

Action Item	Person Responsible	Target Date
Additions made to the guidelines to include missing elements from side-by-side comparison	Sherry	7/20/06 - complete

Agenda Item: How can we increase participation in the committee of parents or family members?

Committee Goal Being Addressed: Inclusion of family, children and youth perspective in development of guidelines. Increase participation of families in this subcommittee.

Discussion: Group discussed circulating guidelines to the following individuals who have access to broad group of families and youth: Gwen White (System of Care Initiatives/Center for Children and Families), Paul Freund and CART staff who survey families, Mental Health Association, NAMI, CSP and Family Support Centers. Aurelia Carter also suggested, as she was instrumental in the early days of this subcommittee and would be a great resource for us. Also suggestions to circulate to children’s providers for discussion at family advisory or support groups.

Action Item	Person Responsible	Target Date
Sherry will discuss at next Steering Committee	Sherry	7/28/06
Distribute Guidelines for input/suggestions from families & youth – use opportunity to solicit interest in joining subcommittee	Sherry	9/06
