

ACCR Committee Minutes Form

Date: 10/19/06

Name of Committee: ACCR – Child and Family Committee

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

Note taker: Sherry Shaffer (temporary)

Attendees: Sherry Shaffer, Victoria Livingstone, Tammy Marscico, Ryan Turner, Fred Fowler

Update from last meeting: Sherry has contacted a number of previously active committee participants to inquire about interest in continued participation. Deb Ferraro, Nancy Reed still plan to participate, but have had conflicts with the past few meetings. Still waiting for responses from most others and looking for family/youth participants. Group will discuss at next meeting.

Next Meeting: Thursday November 16th at 12:30pm – 2pm at MHA – lunch provided

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: Sherry provided an update to the committee. Draft guidelines e-mailed as personal invitation to other stakeholders. Deb Ferraro has distributed to CAP (feedback received). Feedback from Georgianne Palaoro that she would like to present Guidelines to Children Services Committee in November. Sherry will attend and present. CSC had been trying to develop indicators for County contract monitors to evaluate provider adherence to CASSP principles, etc. and Georgianne thinks our Guidelines indicators are a nice fit.

Action Item	Person Responsible	Target Date
Develop cover letter to accompany guidelines and survey	Sherry	complete
Consider adding glossary to document	All	11/06
Distribute guidelines for feedback	All	complete
Post Guidelines on ACCR Website – establish BLOG	Judy Wright	complete

Agenda Item: Resiliency & Recovery: Raising awareness among children's providers, families, young people and community at large.

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

Discussion: Side-by-side comparison complete. Committee discussed how to promote concept of resilience in child-serving systems. How to raise awareness about resilience? Suggestions of holding family fun event. (see below for summary of ideas)

Action Item	Person Responsible	Target Date
Talk to Public Awareness Committee about planning event for kids and families	Wes	9/06

Develop ideas for family fun event to present to Public Awareness Committee and/or ACCR Steering Committee – develop proposal/outline from discussion	Sherry	10/06
Participate in “Recovery is universal” booklet development	Not determined	11/06

ACCR Child & Family Committee
Proposal for Family Fun Event
10/19/06

ACCR Child & Family Committee propose that we work together with the ACCR Public Awareness to raise awareness about the concepts of resilience and recovery among families, children and the general public. Activity should be free to families and include food and fun activities for kids.

After discussion, ACCR Child & Family Committee came up with the following “Theme” for the event and some suggested ideas for location, activities, etc. Looking for input/discussion.

Theme: Junior Olympic Games – Promote “wellness” for all ages; “Everyone is a winner!” Include sporting events, relay races and dance in a loosely competitive environment. Include activities where kids and parents/adults can participate together (family team building).

Activities: Sporting events – individual and team events; Dance competition; Karaoke; Chinese Auction for parents (other ideas for parents/adults?)

Location: Indoor venue (weather will not be an issue then) that can accommodate recreational/sporting events. Safe location. Wheelchair accessible. In an area of the County that is easy to access by public transportation with ample parking. Ideas for indoor arenas: High School gym, UPMC Sports Complex (on Southside), Center for Creative play, Carnegie Science Center, etc. (open to suggestions)

When: Late Winter/Early Spring 2007 (this date may be ambitious)

Vendors: Consider having vendors or providers “sponsor” a sporting or recreational event. Have representatives from CHIPP for un/underinsured children. Consider offering free health screenings (BMIs for kids; BP, cholesterol testing, etc.)

Food/Drinks: Healthy, picnic-style food. Offer water, low-cal/high nutrition drinks during games/events. Picnic style food after competition

Budget: To be discussed with ACCR Steering Committee. Child and Family committee has an unspent budget. Lunch for meetings sponsored by Community Care. Stipends for family/youth participation in committee unspent (no participants at this point).
