

ACCR Committee Minutes Form

Date: 11/16/06

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, Wes Sowers, Jennifer Eaton, Sarah Goldstein, Keith Solomon

Update from last meeting: Sherry presented the idea of a public awareness event for families and kids to the ACCR Steering Committee. The Steering Committee and Chairs of the Public Awareness committee suggested that we combine efforts to “get the word out” to the general public about recovery/resilience for kids and families by considering adding activities to the Un-Dependence Day celebration scheduled for July 2007. The Un-Dependence Day celebration this year offered balloon artists and music that attracted families with children to the event. Public Awareness Committee is interested in working with us to be more inclusive of children, youth and families in this coming year’s celebration.

Next Meeting: Thursday January 18th at 12:30pm – 2pm at the Mental Health Association – 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. Very little additional feedback was received from stakeholders on the guidelines since the last meeting. The County’s Children’s Services Committee (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. Georgianne had asked that Sherry come prepared to present the guidelines to the CSC on 11/9/06. However, the CSC took a slightly different approach of reviewing provider/agency/organization mission/value statements and comparing them to System Of Care Initiative (SOCI) values. In addition, SOCI has established a comprehensive outcomes evaluation process through requirements of the SAMHSA grants, that seem to capture many of the indicators from our Guidelines. We have solicited feedback on our Guidelines in comparison to System of Care values. Initial feedback is that our Guidelines are compatible, but SOCI has greater emphasis on family/youth/community driven focus of service delivery.

We hope to integrate our efforts and come up with one comprehensive/cohesive set of indicators for providers in child-serving systems.

Action Item	Person Responsible	Target Date
Review Guidelines in comparison to System of Care values – provide feedback to this committee	Keith Solomon	1/19/07
Participate in upcoming meetings of Children’s Services Committee to clarify goals of the CSC and overlap/integration with our efforts toward system transformation	Sherry/interested others	2007

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

Committee Goal Being Addressed: Educate providers, children, youth, families and the general community about the concept of resilience. Raise public awareness about concept of resilience.

Discussion: Beyond public awareness, committee discussed how to promote concept of resilience in child-serving systems (CYF, JPO, Education, etc.) General discussion of goals of this committee.

Additional Goals/Agenda items to be added as a result

Action Item – Raising Public Awareness	Person Responsible	Target Date
Work with Public Awareness Cmte to be more inclusive of families/kids in Un-Dependence Day celebration. Promote concept of resilience/recovery as it relates to families/kids to the general public.	Sherry	Dec 2006
Participate in “Recovery is universal” booklet development – review and make suggestions to be more inclusive of families, children and youth in the document. Booklet is posted on ACCR website with BLOG for comments	Victoria	Jan 2007
Work with SOCI Anti-Stigma Campaign on public awareness campaign (event in May 2007) – Keith will invite assigned SOCI staff to join this group	Keith	Jan 2007
Raise awareness in school settings – investigate connection with School Guidance Counselors in regional school districts	Jennifer	Jan 2007
Present at regional Family Support Conference on Resilience – talk with Laurie Mulvey, Univ of Pgh OCD	Sherry	Jan 2007

Agenda Item: Recovery & Resiliency: Prioritizing Goals of ACCR Child & Family Committee - Working toward systems change and systems integration.

Committee Goal Being Addressed: Transformation of Child Serving Systems toward services that are resiliency/recovery oriented.

Discussion: The committee had lengthy discussion about our overall goals of the committee. After discussion, the group agreed that the primary goal of the committee is system transformation. While this is a lofty goal, the group agreed that we have laid the ground work with the development of the Quality Guidelines for providers and further expansion of the committee to be more inclusive of other efforts in Allegheny County and Pennsylvania to transform children services. Discussion about the common goals shared with the System of Care Initiatives in communities in Allegheny County. (CCF, PYT and soon to start Early Childhood) The group discussed the limitations of SOCI in concentration in neighborhoods/communities, although the overall goal of the SAMHSA grants for SOCI is to use the grant funds to promote system-wide change. In addition, the Department of Ed issued a number of grants to school districts to promote innovative partnerships that integrate behavioral health services into education settings.

Action Item – System Transformation	Person Responsible	Target Date
Cultivate the idea of “common ground” between systems – all children services, families and communities share common hopes and goals for healthy children, families and communities that nurture resilience in safe, welcoming environments.	ACCR Child & Family Committee with partners	2007
Work with to recruit representatives from other systems	All	2007
Work with SOCI and County CSC to promote our common goals toward system transformation	Sherry/Keith/All	Jan 2007