

Allegheny County Coalition for Recovery
Child and Family Recovery and Resiliency Committee
Minutes
May 29, 2008

Co-Chair(s): Sherry Shaffer and Denise Weis

Note Taker: Charlotte Frederick (Chari)

Attendees: Jenn Eaton, Nneka Hawthorne, Verna Johnson, Bridget NcNamee, Meg Park, Sherry Shaffer, Debi Sypolt, Denise Weis

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Family Support Conference - June 4th, 2008 at Westin Convention Center.
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Agenda Item 1: Resiliency and Recovery Tool Kits

Committee Goal Being Addressed: Raising awareness among children's providers, schools, families, young people and community at large.

Discussion: Items to be included and logistics for distribution

1. Folders (DOCUMENT CASES): need to have a place to store before ordering
2. One "Wrap for Kids", from Mary Ellen Copeland, will be provided to each kid's provider at a cost of \$12.95. There were 200 ordered. There are about 30 BHrS providers serving around 3000 kids in Allegheny County.
3. The Power Point program put together by Ryan is being considered to be put in the tool kits. Additional ideas for additions/variations:
 - Include Human Service Administration Organization (HSAO) information for kids without insurance. This would include information on entitlements, residential care, RTF long-term, out-of-home services, family services, etc.
 - Possible inclusion of audio (pod casts) personal stories for kids and transition age that could be listened to privately on ipods.
 - Introducing the idea of "Personal Medicine" (Pat Deegan)
 - adding items of "Holistic Exposures and Spiritual Health"
 - Adapt for special needs - schools, churches, etc.
4. Meg introduced some questions to consider related to assembling and storing the toolkits including:
 - What's going into the packets?
 - Where will they be put together?
 - Who will assemble the packet?
 - Where will they be stored?
 - How long will they be stored?
 - How will they be passed out?
 - How will tool kits be distributed?

- Suggestions included: BHRS, RTF, Family Based, School-Based PHP and other regular provider meetings

Action Item:

Action Item	Person Responsible	Target Date
Determine place to ship cases & store other material	Meg, Sherry & Mike Gruber	June 26
Order document cases	Sherry, Marianne Baugher-Marketing	June 27
Sign Purchase Req	Meg & Sherry, SC co-chair	June 26, 27

Agenda Item 2: ACCR Consumer/Provider Collaborative Project - update
Committee Goal Being Addressed:) Improving communication among youth, service professionals and family members.

Discussion:

Youth, Family and Provider dialogue scheduled for Saturday October 28th at First Presbyterian Church, Smithfield Street, downtown Pittsburgh. Topic: Growing Independence

Next meeting of this planning group is June 10th at 11:30am at Wood Street Commons

Action Item	Person Responsible	Target Date
Attend C-PC Planning Mtg	Chris & Dennise Weis, Meg, Doreen, Ryan	June 8 @ 304 Wood Street

Agenda Item 3: ACCR Quality Committee – update on inclusion of child and family cmte suggestions in the updated version of the ACCR Quality Guidelines for Service Planning

Discussion: Meg shared that there is very little representation on the Quality Committee of children, youth and family service recipients or providers. Suggestions were made for possible additions to the committee including:

- Richard Sharp, Mercy BH Children’s Services
- Doug Henry, WPIC Children’s Services
- Shannon Fagan, University of Pittsburgh’s Youth & Family Institute
- Pressley Ridge – Lynn Bolin or Avis Katovsky

Next Meeting Date, Location, and Time: Thursday, June 26, 2008 at 2:00 to 3:30 PM at the Mental Health America Offices at 1945 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA.

