

Consumer-Provider Collaborative
Meeting Summary
May 26, 2005

Present: Paul, Wes, Evelyn, Stephanie, Jeanette

We discussed some upcoming opportunities for future dialogues. There has been a great deal of interest recently.

Steven Christian-Michael has indicated his interest in developing a dialogue at Family Services in Allegheny Valley. Paul met with him briefly two weeks ago and they discussed the basics of the dialogues. Wes will send him some more information about dialogues and we will attempt to find a time when he can meet with the whole group. The dialogue is tentatively set for July 29 at 10:00 PM. They would like to use consumers from outside the agency.

There has been good progress on developing additional participants for the dialogues. The CART identification process has worked well, and Evelyn has been making calls to those who indicated interest. So far, there have been about 20 people who have ongoing interest. We discussed ways to keep people involved while waiting to participate in a dialogue, and other activities that they might be interested in getting involved with. We will continue to develop this list and Wes will speak with Pat V. again about how we might include consumers with D&A issues.

We also discussed developing a brochure for the Coalition so that there is information readily available to those who are interested in developing dialogues. Wes brought this up at the ACCR Steering Committee Meeting and there was tentative support for it. Mary Jo Dickson also suggested a "how to" guide that agencies could use as a reference. Sarah will work on the content of the brochure and we might ask Bobbi Donovan to design it. Wes will see about putting together some kind of dialogue guide. We will attempt to have these before the end of the fiscal year.

We also discussed a follow up dialogue involving Staunton Clinic. Wes and Evelyn had spoken with Michael Fortunato earlier this year and he indicated interest. He asked that we contact them in the late spring, so Evelyn will follow up on this.

Wes also mentioned that the AACP/PA Psychiatric Initiative will have a major conference here in Pittsburgh next winter, and that the planning has included the incorporation of dialogues. Wes will keep the group informed as the planning process proceeds.

Finally, Wes and Evelyn reported on the presentation recently done at UPMC Services Research Center with Ken T. and Sarah. They spoke with the Doctor-Patient relationship section of that Center and there was a great deal of interest and curiosity. There was

some discussion of how the effectiveness of dialogues might be assessed. We hope that there will be some interest in this type of evaluation.

The date of the next meeting was left open pending discussions with Steven and Michael re: when they could meet.