

Minutes: ACCR – Consumer Provider Collaborative
Tuesday, November 21, 2006

Co-Chair: Wes Sowers
Note Taker: Nancy McGrath
Attendees: Wes Sours, Saya Krebs, Sarah Goldstein, Steve Christian-Michaels,
Nancy McGrath

Agenda Item: Mercy BH Mental Health-Addiction Dialogue
Committee Goal Being Addressed: Review of Event

Discussion:

The Dialogue took place on 11/10 – 42 attended, 36 being participants. Feedback received was generally positive; the only challenges noted were that both camps had a lot of dually diagnosed folks, and many were content with the services they currently have, which can be a difficult type of complacency to break out from. Saya commented that it took consumers a long time to find their way when they initially acquired these services. It could have been a better mix; however, as dialogues progressed, similarities were noted. Interaction was great throughout the dialogues, and during breaks. People were eager to talk. Some people keyed in; however, it was a little hard to get everyone on the same page. In the Spring, there will be a follow-up where similarities that are working between the two camps will be clarified. What could have made the dialogue even better would have been to have spent more time - at least another hour or two, or to have made an all-day thing of it. The dialog was just starting to acquire a good rhythm when it was time to wrap up.

Agenda Item: Development of Dialogue on Terminology/Labels
Committee Goal Being Addressed: Further Develop Dialogues

Discussion:

Discussion of this dialogue continued. Sarah presented a draft of the Dialogue flyer, which was reviewed by the members. Improvements were suggested, and Sarah will be e-mailing the updated flyer this Friday. Everyone agreed to distribute the flyer to interested parties, and to also contact prospective Panel candidates. We will share our results at December's meeting. A backup plan to recruit other people will be developed on the 14th if we still need panelists. Ideally we will have 6 male and 6 female panelists, half of them being Consumers, and half being Providers. Compensation for the panelists was discussed – perhaps we can present them with Giant Eagle Gift Cards and a stipend to cover their travel expenses, such as bus tickets.

Action Items:

1. Update Flyer – Sarah G – Target Date Fri 11/24/06
2. Distribute Flyer to Lola – Wes S – Target Date Fri 11/24/06
3. Distribute Flyer to Committee Members – Sarah G – Target Date 11/27/06
4. Contact the following Panel Candidates: Diane Ferrick, Robin Thompson – Wes S – Target Date 12/14
5. Possibly Recruit Panelists or get leads @ Psych Adv Group – Wes S – Target Date 11/30
6. Contact the following Panel Candidates: Chris Terry, David Page, Robin Spencer, J.R. Brenner – Sarah Goldstein – Target Date 12/14

Action Items: (cont.)

7. Contact the following Panel Candidates: Catherine Hewitt, Carmelita Krammer, Eddie Glover, Judy Kirker, & contacts at Torrence – Saya K – Target Date 12/14
8. E-mail members of Coalition members to see if anyone has strong views concerning Terminology/Labels – Wes S – Target Date 12/14

Announcement/Reminder: We must have our Budget ready for the Steering Committee by 1/31/07.

Our Next Regular Meeting is Scheduled for Thursday, December 14th, at 12:30pm. Wes will e-mail the location once it's been decided upon what's best for everyone.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy McGrath, Note Taker