

ACCR MEETING MINUTES: CONSUMER/PROVIDER COLLABORATIVE
Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Chairman: Wes Sowers

Notetaker: Rachel Beck

Attendees: Rachel Beck, Kim Hall, James Kindler, Jennifer Macioce, Meg Park, Wes Sowers, Chris Weis, Denise Weis, Mary Lou Zemaitis

Agenda Item: Facilitator Training

Discussion

There was discussion surrounding whether the training should take place in one day or over a series of days. It was determined the training should occur during a one day period.

It was determined we will offer three training dates over a one year period with approximately eight to twelve people in attendance of each one. We will have two people facilitating the event so they can model the appropriate methods of facilitating the dialogues and trialogues.

Each facilitator of the trainings will be paid \$50 an hour which is the pay for facilitators of the dialogues and trialogues.

Upon review of the outline for facilitator trainings, it was mentioned that active listening skills need to be discussed plus the identification of specific nonverbal expressions and postures that people use to signal others when they want to join a discussion.

It was mentioned that the Human Resource Building might be a venue for the Facilitator Training due to the fact it would be free.

Further discussion regarding the Facilitator Trainings will take place at the next Consumer/Provider Collaborative meeting when Sarah Goldstein is able to attend.

Agenda Item: Beaver County Dialogues/Trialogues

Discussion

Kim Hall announced Beaver County will be ready to move forward with the dialogue/trialogue process once issues between the Mental Health Association and the drop-in center have been resolved. Beaver County should be ready to move onward in a month or two.

Agenda Item: Dialogue between transition-aged youth (16 years – 22 years) and their providers as well as the youths' parents and their children's' providers.

Committee Goal being Addressed: Finding a venue to hold upcoming dialogue

Discussion

It was suggested that we mention in the advertising of the dialogue that it will be a general discussion rather than a focus on specific issues. It was also suggested we mention the dialogue format is an open discussion rather than focusing on solutions and answers.

Possible venues are still being researched. The Marriot will cost \$475 in addition to the cost of using their caterers. Using the Allegheny Center Alliance Church will cost \$100 to \$150 for a donation and approximately \$5 per person for refreshments.

Action Items

Contact First Presbyterian Church on Sixth Avenue regarding space availability, catering, and cost.

Person Responsible: Meg Park

Target Date: May 13, 2008

Contact Calvary Church in Shadyside and Presbyterian Church in East Liberty.

Person Responsible: Rachel Beck

Target Date: May 13, 2008

Contact Dave & Busters for further information regarding cost of venue and catering.

Person Responsible: Chris Weis

Target Date: May 13, 2008

Further Discussion

Discussion took place regarding recruitment of youth and their parents for the dialogue. Pat Valentine of the Children's Cabinet has members who are interested potentially. Stephen Christian-Michaels of Family Services of Western PA also has interested parties.

Agenda Item: Consumer/Provider Collaborative budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Discussion

The final budget must be in by April 25, 2008 for the fiscal year which runs from June 1, 2008 through May 31, 2008.

Agenda Item: Next Consumer/Provider Collaborative Meeting

Discussion

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at 11:30 a.m. at Wood Street Commons

