

**ACCR Committee Minutes**

**Date:** June 16, 2008

**Name of Committee: Education Committee**

**Co-Chair(s):** Laura Thomas  
**Note Taker:** BarbaraAnn Reith  
**Attendees :** Sandy Beahm Terri Bishop William Boyce Melissa Medice Janice Galanten  
Mike Gruber Dennis Hughes Paul Wittman

**WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS:** Co-Chair Laura Thomas called the meeting to order and introductions were made.

**REVIEW OF AGENDA:** No changes were made to the agenda as presented.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Conference for Community Care has been scheduled for July 21, 2008 at the Omni William Penn. To date there is no flyer published. Priscilla Ridgeway will be keynote speak. Ms. Ridgeway is the author of Pathways to Recovery and has been appointed to the ERFS Committee in Washington D.C. Keep this date open!

**MINUTES:**

Minutes from the May, 2008 meeting were ***approved with the corrections***. Everyone read the minutes and there were no objections.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Agenda Item:** Review of the ACCR Role

**Committee Spokes Person:** Laura

**Committee Goal Being Addressed:** Role of the ACCR Role

**Discussion:** The Steering Committee meets the last Friday of every month at Life’s Work on Forbes (the meeting starts at 12:30 PM). The meeting is open to anyone who would like to attend. In order to be on the Steering Committee one must apply and the committee votes on recommendations for members to be added. Presently, there are at least two positions open on the Steering Committee. Only members of the Steering Committee are eligible to vote, although, all are welcome to attend. . The *role* of the ACCR has been established as follows: *“To promote recovery orientation and system change through public awareness, education and collaboration”*. ACCR will promote the following: Undependance Day; the Recovery Booklet, ELI; NAMI’s In Our Own Voice and Road Map to Recovery (formerly Penn Map). Plans can be worked out for any programs that need promoted. Future plans and projects for ACCR Education Committee will be established at the January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting.

Action Item	Person Responsible	Target Date

**Agenda Item:** Social Marketing Task Force

**Committee Spokes Person:** Mike

**Committee Goal Being Addressed:** Social Marketing Plan

**Discussion:** The Social Marketing Task Force has been inactive (in terms of meeting) for a couple of months. Arrangements have been made with Al Torcaso (a member of the Steering Committee) to take photographs of various consumers to be placed on said posters. John Lee of Community Care will interview each consumer with a few lines from each interview to be placed on the poster. The point of the posters is to communicate that people can and do recover, plus, go on to lead productive lives. The intent is that posters will be primarily distributed where case managers (this would be the target audience) are located. The whole idea is to have case managers to have more and more conversations with their clients about engaging in meaningful activities. Presently, the focus seems to be hospitalizations and med compliance as opposed to what are you doing for your recovery? The intent of the poster (once again) is to present individuals focusing on recovery along with having case managers engaging in meaningful activities with their clients. It is the hope to have individuals scheduled or re-scheduled for interviews. The design of the poster has been completed, so, at this point it is just a matter of inserting photos along with the few lines of description. Hopefully, the posters will be ready for distribution sometime in July

The other part of the task force is focusing on training case managers in order for them to have discussions with their clients. It has recently come to the attention of this committee that there are several different groups presently planning training sessions. It is hoped to have efforts co-coordinated (for these three groups) as opposed to having case managers attend three separate training sessions. Another entity that is talking about a major undertaking around case manager training is the "Single Point of Accountability Committee" that is part of the Allegheny County Office of Behavioral Health Change Management Team. The "Single Point of Accountability Initiative" is about having case managers (the single point of which) assuring that their clients receive all the services their need. Presently there is a big gap between the ideal and real. They are in the process of talking with the University of Pittsburgh and Martha Hodges (@Mayview) to develop a curriculum. Originally, the curriculum started out as a ten (10) week curriculum and has grown to sixteen (16) weeks. The idea is that individuals (who) complete said training will be eligible for salary increases along with other possible incentives. The original training module (as originally discussed) will not be developed, but to come up with one module that will be a component of this other training that will be occurring. Stephen Christian-Michaels (of Family Services WPA) heads-up the Single Point of Accountability Committee. There has been extensive training at the onset of this committee, so, anyone interested in serving on this committee would have to do some catching up.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Agenda Item:** VA

**Committee Spokes Person:** Sandy/Tim/Dennis

**Committee Goal Being Addressed:** Transferring from a hospital-based to a recovery model

**Discussion:** Veterans are vets but are also members of the community. This is an opportunity to collaborate and get involved in the community. A presentation of NAMI's "In Our Own Voice" proved to be very effective. Two of the Peer Support Techs are presently being trained as presenters for NAMI's "In Our Own Voice". will be scheduled for VA psychiatrists and the recovery model and how these doctors interact with veterans. The Recovery Action Committee meets every two (2) weeks at Highland Drive. Please, contact Lisa Fitzsimmons at (412) 365-5087 for more information. Recovery Booklets have been distributed and a newsletter is planned on recovery. Each VA had to hire a Recovery Coordinator (there are 170) and will be trained in A website is available with all services offered by the VA. They have been extremely proactive, although, the biggest challenge proves to be Intensive Case Management. Four (4) Certified Peer Support positions have been approved (for hire) at the Highland facility. Peer Specialists are part of the Intensive Case Management Team along with doing WRAP facilitating. USA jobs have the Peer Specialist positions are posted on their website. Dom care, supportive housing and residential care homes have been established for veterans, although, permanent housing is scarce. There is no locked transitional housing. Space proves to be challenge (that would be transportation accessible) and is needed. Should there be spaces in the community (such as office areas, groups and/or meeting rooms available), please, contact the VA as they are prepared to pay money for these areas. Mary Ellen Copeland has published a Veteran's WRAP Booklet.

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**Agenda Item:** Message Carriers

**Committee Spokes Person:** Terri

**Discussion:** Spring Fling Celebration was held on May 30, 2008. Next year information and announcements are expected to get out sooner in order to have a bigger turnout.

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**NEXT MEETING**

Date	Location	Time
Tuesday, June 15, 2008	Community Care @One Chatham Center (7 <sup>th</sup> Floor	12:30 PM