

Allegheny County Coalition for Recovery
Steering Committee
Meeting Minutes
9/24/04

Present: Sharon Alberts, Sarah Goldstein, Wes Sowers, Chris Weis, Dano Zack, Paul Freund, Harold Hartger, John Cassase, Thomas Lee, Harriet Baum, Judy Wood, Jeannette Lee, and Mike Gruber.

Sharon Alberts and Sarah Goldstein called the meeting to order.

The minutes from August were reviewed and approved with one change. Under Old Business as part of Wes Sowers' update on the Walk/Run event, bullet 2 should read, "Received a \$1000 grant from SAMHSA."

Walk/Run For Recovery

Wes Sowers provided a brief report on the Walk/Run held September 11 in Schenley Park. The Public Awareness Committee is meeting the first Tuesday in October to debrief about the event. Jim Nelson distributed a financial report about the event. ACCR is still awaiting money that was pledged by SAMHSA and CCBH.

Summit Meeting and New Freedom Initiative

John Cassase discussed the New Freedom Initiative planning team meeting and the thinking behind merging its planning session with ACCR's summit that was discussed at the last meeting. A motion was made and approved that ACCR is interested in working jointly with the NFI planning group to host a meeting of consumers and providers to discuss the future direction of Recovery efforts in the county and to get feedback about what role ACCR might play in this movement.

The members of the Steering Committee agreed that the next few meetings should be spent preparing for this summit. It appears the summit will occur in December and will be facilitated by Taylor Anderson who is the NFI Technical Consultant from Drexel.

All Steering Committee members should review for the next meeting the "Allegheny County New Freedom Technical Assistance Grant – Goals and Objectives" document that will be sent with the minutes from this meeting. Harold Hartger made a motion that was approved that each subcommittee gives a report at the next meeting. The reports are to focus upon what the committees are currently working on and what goals/activities they have for the remainder of the fiscal year. All co-chairs are to send their reports to Mike Gruber by October 15 so he can mail them out for review prior to the meeting.

Consumer Reimbursement Procedures

Jim Nelson of PSAN discussed information he needed to have in order to pay consumers in a timely manner. Mike Gruber will send him a list of consumers who are being paid for each committee and who can authorize that payment.

The bus ticket distribution procedures were reviewed and approved. Committee co-chairs will be responsible for distributing tickets to consumers.

The SC began a review of procedures for paying consumers, but did not vote to officially approve them. Several suggestions were made for revision and they will be added and reviewed at the next meeting.

Next Meeting:

October 29, 2004 – 12:30-2:15

Life's Work, 1323 Forbes Avenue