

**Allegheny County Coalition for Recovery**  
**Steering Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**1/28/05**

**Present:** Sharon Alberts, Sarah Goldstein, Dano Zack, Harold Hartger, John Cassase, Judy Wood, Jan Boyd, Rev. David Else, Curtis Upsher, Mary Jo Dickson, Wes Sowers, Paul Freund, Darlene Cridlin, Thomas Lee, Tammy Marsico, and Mike Gruber.

**Visitors:** Deb Wasilchak, Steve Christian-Michaels, and Mary Fleming

**Welcome and Introductions**

Co-Chair Sharon Alberts called the meeting to order and introductions were made.

**Review of Agenda**

No modifications were made to the agenda for the meeting.

**Announcements**

Mike Gruber passed around an article about Sarah Goldstein that appeared in the Tribune Review. Sarah was congratulated about the article and it was noted that the writer, Violet Law, should be contacted about additional articles.

**Minutes**

Minutes from the December 3, 2004 meeting were approved with the correction to the spelling of Curtis Upsher's name.

**Decision Items**

1. There were no decision items on the agenda.

**Discussion Items**

1. *Purchase of ACCR Logo.* ACCR is having a new logo developed professionally in a variety of file formats that can be used for different purposes (web site, stationary, etc.).
2. *ACCR Information Sheet.* Forms were distributed to all committee members for completion of contact information so that accurate contact lists can be distributed to sub-committee chairs. This process will be continued at all sub-committee meetings as well.
3. *Meeting with CSP Committee.* The CSP Steering Committee has asked to meet with the ACCR Steering Committee occasionally to discuss ways to coordinate efforts and to keep informed about each other's initiatives. The ACCR Steering Committee agreed this would be useful, but no timetable was set for a meeting.
4. *Dialogue with New Freedom Initiative Panel.* Members of the NFI Panel attended the meeting today to discuss coordinating their activities with ACCR. Mary Jo Dickson summarized the goals and objectives of the NFI grant. The NFI panel and indicated the NFI group wants to work closely with the ACCR

Education Committee. Various models were discussed for implementing the NFI grant including:

- a. Adopting a public health model
- b. Utilizing the ACCR Speaker's Bureau
- c. Conducting consumer-provider dialogues
- d. Train the trainer
- e. Develop curriculums for distribution

The NFI panel will meet with the Education Subcommittee to continue this discussion and the Education Subcommittee will make recommendations to the Steering Committee.

5. *Future Direction of ACCR*. Discussion about the future of ACCR focused on its role (should it be a program developer or more of a coordinator of recovery activities), how is ACCR's role different from CSP's role, and how should consumers be engaged in making this determination and what should their role be within ACCR. To assist ACCR in deciding what its focus should be, it was suggested
  - a. That OBH needed to develop a cohesive vision of a recovery system and a plan for implementing that vision.
  - b. That ACCR review the following documents and identify common elements and themes that would lead to the development of recovery-based system. Mike Gruber, Jan Boyd, Thomas Lee, and Harold Hartger will assist in this process.
    - The Guiding Principles developed in 2000
    - The Guidelines for Recovery which are to be integrated into the County contract and the CCBH has adopted
    - The current state plan has a description of the state BH system which is recovery based.
    - State Wide Blue Print conference proceedings
  - c. Develop a chart showing the types of recovery activities and the organizations that are doing them. Wes Sowers volunteered to work on this.

**Next Meeting:**

**March 25, 2005 – 12:30-2:15**

**Life's Work, 1323 Forbes Avenue**