

**Allegheny County Coalition for Recovery**  
**Steering Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**2/25/05**

**Present:** Sharon Alberts, Sarah Goldstein, Judy Wood, Jan Boyd, Rev. David Else, Mary Jo Dickson, Wes Sowers, Paul Freund, Darlene Cridlin, Harriet Baum, and Mike Gruber.

**Welcome and Introductions**

Co-Chair Sarah Goldstein called the meeting to order.

**Review of Agenda**

No modifications were made to the agenda for the meeting.

**Announcements**

1. Mike Gruber passed around an article about J.R. Brenner that appeared in the Tribune Review.
2. The Quality Improvement Subcommittee has released a final draft of the Guidelines and Indicators for Recovery Oriented Services.

**Minutes**

Minutes from the January 28, 2005 meeting were approved with the correction to the spelling of Sarah Goldstein's name.

**Decision Items**

1. Nominating Committee – The decision by the Steering Committee to expand its size and diversify its composition were reviewed. The SC approved the formation of a Nominating Committee. Darlene Cridlin, Dave Else, and Sarah Goldstein volunteered for service. It was also suggested that Chris Weis, Harold Hartger, and Jeannette Lee be contacted about participating on the committee as well. Mike will contact them to inquire about their participation. Harriet asked Mike to prepare a list of current SC members who will not continue on the SC as the transition to the new arrangement is completed.
2. Jan Boyd, Chairperson of the Education Subcommittee, updated the SC about its meeting with the NFI workgroup last month. She requested a charge from the SC to continue working with the NFI group and to develop a set of recommendations from the joint group to be presented to the SC. A motion authorizing this was made and approved by the SC.

**Discussion Items**

1. *Meeting with CSP.* Mike Gruber updated the SC about CSP's desire to meet with ACCR on a quarterly basis. CSP will issue an invitation to ACCR to attend one of its upcoming Steering Committee meetings.

2. *Organizational Chart.* Wes Sowers shared a draft ACCR organizational chart that listed potential organizations who should be involved on ACCR subcommittees and on the to-be-formed Advisory Board. Suggestions were made for other groups/organizations to be involved on various subcommittees. There was consensus that this was a useful model for thinking about the organization of ACCR.
3. *Mission Statement.* After reviewing the Mission statement, the SC decided that the Mission statement no longer accurately describes what ACCR does nor is it realistic in terms of what ACCR has the resources to accomplish. A decision was made to begin re-writing the Mission statement at the next meeting. Mike and Jan will prepare some questions to send to all SC members prior to the meeting to focus the discussion at the next meeting.

**Next Meeting:**

**March 25, 2005 – 12:30-2:15**

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