

**Allegheny County Coalition for Recovery  
Steering Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
4/1/05**

**Present:** Sharon Alberts, Sarah Goldstein, Judy Wood, Jan Boyd, Rev. David Else, Paul Freund, Harriet Baum, Melissa Medice, Thomas Lee, Robert Lucas, Tammy Marsico, and Mike Gruber.

**Welcome and Introductions**

Co-Chair Sharon Alberts 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 Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.
2. The ACCR Recovery Fair is being held in Market Square May 11-13 from 11:00-2:00.

**Minutes**

Minutes from the February 25, 2005 meeting were approved.

**Decision Items**

1. FY04-05 Budget Revision – ACCR's budget was cut 6% by OBH. A revised budget was submitted and approved by a unanimous vote.
2. FY05-06 Budget – A budget for FY 05-06 was submitted for approval based upon the original funding level for FY04-05. OBH representative, Judy Wood, indicated the 6% cut for this year was permanent and the proposed budget would need to reflect this. A motion was made and approved that the 6% cut would be evenly divided between money for payments to consumers and activity money. Mike Gruber will revise the budget on this basis and send it to PSAN for submission to Allegheny County.

**Discussion Items**

1. *Subcommittee Reports.*
  - a. Education Subcommittee (Jan Boyd) – The Pilot Project for training providers is on hold due to trouble training volunteers to conduct the trainings. The Education Committee is working with the New Freedom Initiative Workgroup to produce a booklet about Recovery that is geared primarily toward consumers and family members, but can also be used by providers. Finally, the subcommittee is reviewing and revising the Toolkit that was developed 2 years ago. The Toolkit is designed as a document/tool for people conducting Recovery training.

- b. Child and Family Subcommittee (Tammy Marsico and Jan Boyd) – The subcommittee has developed a core group of participants who are professionals, but has had trouble attracting family members. An event is being planned that will hopefully attract family members to participate. The group also felt a need to educate itself about Recovery concepts and Wes Sowers, Jan Boyd, and Sarah Goldstein conducted a training using the outline developed by the Education Committee for its training efforts. Members found the training quite helpful. Finally, the committee is developing a crosswalk between Recovery and Resiliency concepts.
  - c. Public Awareness (Jan Boyd) – The PA group has been working on preparing for the Recovery Fair in Market Square.
  - d. Nominating Committee (Sarah Goldstein) – The committee has been conducting business by telephone. Dave Else has several people he wants to nominate and Jan Boyd was asked to recommend a consumer from each of the Center of Excellence sites.
2. *CART Report – What Consumers Are Saying About Recovery (Paul Freund).* In preparation for discussing the Mission Statement, Paul was asked to review what consumers have been reporting to CART. CART has been conducting interviews from a Recovery perspective that emphasizes quality of life and other non-treatment issues. He shared the findings of the CART 2004 Annual Report.
3. *Mission Statement.* Last month’s discussion regarding the Mission statement was reviewed. A motion was made to keep the Mission statement as is, but was defeated by a vote of 4-3. Discussion then occurred regarding whether to make minor changes to the Mission statement or whether to engage in a strategic planning exercise that would possibly change significantly the mission of ACCR. A motion was made to make minor changes to the Mission statement while maintaining the essential nature of ACCR’s mission. That motion was agreed upon unanimously by the SC. An ad hoc committee will meet before the next SC meeting on April 29 and develop a draft Mission statement for review. Jan Boyd, Tammy Marsico, Tom Lee, Sharon Alberts, Sarah Goldstein, and Mike Gruber will comprise this committee.

**Next Meeting:**

**April 29, 2005 – 12:30-2:15**

**Life’s Work, 1323 Forbes Avenue**