

**Allegheny County Coalition for Recovery
Steering Committee
Meeting Minutes
4/29/05**

Present: Sarah Goldstein, Judy Wood, Paul Freund, Harold Hartger, Darlene Cridlin, Wes Sowers, Sherry Shaffer, 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. The ACCR Recovery Fair is being held in Market Square May 11-13 from 11:00-2:00.
2. The new and greatly improved ACCR website (www.coalitionforrecovery.org) has been launched. Members are encouraged to provide feedback/suggestions to the website committee.
3. The Recovery Festival is scheduled for September 18 in the early afternoon. There will be more emphasis on walking at this year's event and the PA committee will be contacting community groups and religious groups to participate.
4. A new booklet, Emerging Best Practices in Mental Health Recovery in Allegheny County, has been published.
5. Jeannette Lee will be contacting consumers who indicated an interest in ACCR and the Consumer-Provider Collaborative during CART interviews.

Minutes

Minutes from the April 1, 2005 meeting were approved.

Decision Items

1. End of Year Spending Plan – It is projected that ACCR will have about \$12,000 that is not earmarked for specific activities or items. The group identified the following as possible activities/items for these funds to be expended:
 - Leadership development training for consumers
 - Update the ACCR brochure after the mission statement is revised and the content of the brochure is reviewed
 - T-shirts
 - WRAP training for 1-2 people who in turn would train others in Allegheny County
 - Purchase space on billboards for a Recovery awareness campaign
 - Reprint copies of the Toolkit after it is edited.

Mike Gruber will poll members of Steering Committee to identify which projects/items should be funded, the priority of funding, and the amount that should be spent on each item. In addition, members can make additional suggestions about activities/items to be funded.

2. Overview of ACCR Planning Process – The group reviewed and endorsed a plan put forth by the ACCR Co-Chairs to continue the planning process discussed last year. An outline of the process is:
 - a. Complete mission statement re-write
 - b. Define goals for ACCR related to the mission
 - c. Committees define goals and objectives related to overall ACCR goals
 - d. Establish budgets for each committee
3. Recovery Fair Budget – The Public Awareness Committee requested approval to spend \$4500 for the Recovery Fair which was approved by the SC.
4. Consumer/Provider Collaborative Use of ACCR Website – The Collaborative requested to have its own space on the ACCR website which was approved.

Discussion Items

1. *Subcommittee Reports.*
 - a. Public Awareness – See announcements above concerning Recovery Fair and Recovery Festival.
 - b. Quality Improvement – Has not met.
 - c. Education Committee – Working with New Freedom Initiative Workgroup (NFI) on publication of booklet about Recovery. Also in the process of revising the Toolkit for re-publication.
 - d. Nominating Committee – Is defining a process to follow for bringing new members onto the SC.
 - e. Child and Family – Wes, Jan, and Jeannette did training for the Committee about Recovery. The group is developing a consistent core of attendees, including several family members as well as some other stakeholders. Is continuing to review the Resiliency/Recovery Crosswalk the Committee developed. Next week is the state CASSP conference and some members will be attending looking for new ideas.
2. *Mission Statement.* The subcommittee was unable to find a time when everyone could get together to work on this and is now scheduled to meet Thursday, May 5th.
3. *Meeting with AHCI regarding the Website* – Mike, Bob Moll, and Bobbi Donovan met with AHCI staff to discuss AHCI assuming responsibility for maintaining the ACCR website. Tim Casey will discuss with AHCI administration what the fee will be for this service.

Next Meeting:

May 27, 2005 – 12:30-2:15

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