

**Allegheny County Coalition for Recovery
Steering Committee
Meeting Minutes
2/24/06**

Present: Sarah Goldstein, Sharon Alberts, Mary Jo Dickson, Jan Boyd, Wes Sowers, Tom Lee, Shirlee Hopper-Scherch, Tammy Marsico, Darlene Cridlin, Harold Hartger, Melissa Medice, John Cassase, Dave Else, Virginia Suplee, Mike Gruber.

Welcome and Introductions

Co-Chair Sarah Goldstein called the meeting to order.

Announcements

1. Committee members were reminded that the FY 07-08 Adult Mental Health Plan Public Hearing will be held March 14 from 4:30-6:30 in the Simmons Conference Room of the Human Services Building.

Minutes

Minutes from the 1/27/06 meeting were approved.

Decision Items

1. Warren State Hospital requested use of ACCR's logo for its own internal printed materials about recovery. The SC decided it could not prevent the use of the logo because it is not copyrighted, but that it would encourage WSH to develop its own logo. Mike Gruber will follow-up with WSH to let it know about the Steering Committee's decision.

Discussion Items

1. *Committee Goals and Budgets*
 - a. Education Committee – Virginia Suplee presented the budget request.
 1. ELI - \$5000
 2. Educational Initiatives - \$2500
 3. Physical Health Care Information - \$2500
 4. Payment for Co-Chair and Volunteer Advisors - \$1100

There was brief discussion about what would happen if the requested budgeted amount exceeded ACCR's allocation from OBH. Mary Jo Dickson stated that OBH did not have additional money to give ACCR in the coming fiscal year. The suggestion was made that AHCI and CCBH might be willing to provide additional funds if they were earmarked for specific projects rather than to the ACCR general fund.

- b. Public Awareness Committee – Craig Dorin presented the budget request.
 1. Un-Dependence Day Celebration – \$12,000

2. ACCR brochure - \$1100
 3. Payment for Co-Chair and Volunteer Advisors - \$1100
- Mike Gruber will investigate whether the County Printing Office will print the brochures for free or for a nominal charge.
- c. Child and Family Committee – Wes Sowers presented the budget request.
 1. Payment for Co-Chair and Volunteer Advisors - \$1100
 - d. Quality Improvement Committee – Wes Sowers presented the budget request
 1. Payment for Co-Chair and Volunteer Advisors - \$1100
 - e. Consumer/Provider Collaborative – Wes Sowers presented the budget request
 1. Payment for Co-Chair and Volunteer Advisors - \$1100
 2. Payment for Dialogue Participants - \$1900
 - f. Steering Committee – Sharon Alberts presented the budget request.
 1. Payment for Volunteer Advisors - \$2160
 2. ACCR Recruitment Activities – to be determined

The suggestion was made to have the budget also reflect in-kind contributions and reflect these contributions as income. Mike Gruber will discuss this with Jim Nelson.

Agenda item for next meeting – Composition of the Steering Committee

Next Meeting:

March 31, 2006 – 12:30-2:15 Life’s Work, 1323 Forbes Avenue