

Minutes: ACCR – Steering Committee

Friday, December 1, 2006

Co-Chair: Sarah Goldstein & Sharon Alberts
Note Taker: Nancy McGrath
Attendees: Sarah Goldstein, Sharon Alberts, Curtis Upsher, Mike Gruber, Wes Sowers, Roy Faloskey, Saya Krebs, Evelyn Stafford, Melissa Medice, Eric Janzer, Verna Johnson, Bob Weber, Nancy McGrath

The Agenda was reviewed by Committee Members.

Announcements:

1. CSP Holiday Party to be held 12/13/06 1-3pm we will have drawings for prizes every ½ hour, we have a nice menu planned, we hope to find out what people want to focus on for the coming year, and taking a vote encompassing the 4 topics - Healthcare, Peer Support, Family and Friends, and Recreation. We will plan our presentations for each meeting based on expressed interest.
2. The 12/5 Public Awareness Meeting has been rescheduled for January 9th, which is the 2nd Tuesday; at 304 Wood Street, 4th FL at 11:30 am. Meetings will resume at the usual time, starting in February.

Minutes from the October 27th meeting were reviewed and officially approved.

The Committee was unable to Vote on anything at this meeting because there were not enough voting members in attendance to form a Quorum. However, we had an excellent Discussion meeting, and were able to take the time and share details about ACCR and its Individual Committees with our visitors.

Agenda Item: Steering Committee Nominees and Selection Criteria – Sarah/Saya

Discussion:

Qualifications for Nominees were discussed. In their letter of intent to the Nominating Committee, nominees must be prepared to state leadership skills, their personal recovery and/or their knowledge and understanding of recovery principles, and must agree to attend another committee besides the Steering Committee to qualify. The Nominating Committee has been expanded to Harold, Sarah, Saya, Robin, and Tom Lee. All have accepted.

Agenda Item: Budget Submissions by Committee – Sarah/Sharon

Discussion:

All Committees are to meet together to plan their next-year's Budget and submit it to the Steering Committee by mid-January.

Curtis Upsher has requested that we are to ask him for money all at one time, so all Budgets must be carefully prepared with this in mind.

Agenda Item: ACCR Advocate Report - Saya

Discussion:

1. Mike & Saya conducted a Co-Chair Training – a couple of people were trained, and they plan to offer another training in the near future.
2. Focus groups are being formed to give people knowledge about ACCR, and to involve people in committees that need members.
3. The Table at the Schizophrenia Conference was a success, there were many people there, we gave out much literature, and at least 22 people requested more information.
4. Have been talking to other Agencies about the Coalition and what we're about.
5. We plan to man a table at the Bipolar Conference being held mid-June at the Convention Center.
6. Steering people to Website
7. Saya is continuing to make herself available to other committees as needed.
8. She informed our visitors that if they were interested in joining a committee, all they need to do is to show up at meetings. The only exception is the Steering Committee, where qualified members are elected. However, anyone is welcome to visit and sit in at their meetings.
9. It was suggested that a form be created for those interested in joining a Committee or being elected to the Steering Committee. Mike & Saya will look into this.

Agenda Item: Committee Reports – ACCR Committee Chairs

Discussion:

Attendees reviewed Committee Objectives that were included in the Agenda Packet. The following reports were given:

Consumer Provider Collaborative – Wes

The CPC has been doing dialogues since 1998, and has had 20 so far. The latest dialogue was held at Allegheny East, and it was pretty successful. Our next dialogue will be attended by an estimated group of 50 will be observing a dialogue panel of 12, who will be the main participants. Observers will have a limited time to ask questions once the panel has completed their discussion, which will focus on how we address one another. Terms such as patient, client, survivor, consumer, provider, doctor, nurse, etc. A lot of people have strong ideas about how people should address each other. We hope to hold this dialogue in the South Side; so far, the location is up in the air because of heating problems at the original site. In the meantime, we would appreciate your referrals of “strong-minded” people who may want to sit on the Panel or participate as observers.

Quality – Wes

Has worked on and completed a set of Principles for Service planning – about how systems can develop partnerships in Service Planning, which encompasses the Consumer’s, Provider’s and Administrative perspective. They are hopeful to get a final draft soon and publish it to the website for review and comment. They are continuing to move forward and to develop a system common to all.

Child And Family – Wes

Creating an interface between child services & adult services, looking at the transition between the services, identifying common elements & transition of care. It was stressed by Wes that Resiliency is an important piece of what Recovery is.

Everyone is encouraged to review the Child and Family version of the Guidelines, and to make comments on the blog at the ACCR Website.

* Evelyn had stated earlier in the meeting that there is a need for parents of children who are first diagnosed to understand the system and what is available to them. Sarah G stated she would bring up Evelyn’s concern to Sherry from the Child and Family committee.

Education – Mike

There was no meeting in November – instead, there was a planning committee meeting for social marketing. Looked at a lot of the information that had been produced by participants – to be used in the development our social marketing plan. A meeting will be set up with the Social Marketing Task Force in order to organize the information we got more efficiently, take a final look, and then make some decisions about what exactly the message is going to be. Social Marketing is about getting people to change their behavior. So what the Social Marketing Task force decided was that the focus would be on Case Managers, and to decide, based on conversations with consumers about their participation exactly what messages should be communicated to case managers.

Spring 2007 – developing an educational booklet – emphasizing aspects that Recovery is Universal – everybody has threads in common – promoting a unifying concept throughout the publication. All are invited to go on the ACCR Website and review the booklet, it needs a title, and all suggestions would be appreciated. In the coming weeks, we will hold focus groups and get feedback, making sure that the publication is appealing to the general population.

Public Awareness – The meeting scheduled for 12/5 has been cancelled and rescheduled for 1/9. We’re in the process of planning for the next Un-dependence day. So far, the Petition Drive has 8,000 signatures, and we hope to continue to advance and get more signatures up till the next Un-dependence day scheduled for July, 2007. It was suggested that it could perhaps be held on a weekend, though most agreed that it should be held once again on the 3rd. It was also mentioned that perhaps it should have more of a parent/child component this year.

Next Meeting:

January 26, 2007 at LifesWork, 12:30 – 2:15pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy McGrath, Note Taker