

Minutes: ACCR – Steering Committee
Friday, February 23, 2007

Co-Chairs: Sarah Goldstein & Sharon Alberts
Note Taker: Nancy McGrath
Attendees: Sarah Goldstein, Sharon Alberts, Curtis Upsher, Roy Faloskey, Melissa Medice, Harold Hartger, Chris Weis, Eric Janzer, Verna Johnson, Thomas Lee, Jr. , Craig Dorin, Sandra Kogut, Virginia Suplee, Laura Thomas, Kimberly Blair, Sherry Shaffer, Robin Horston Spencer, Nancy McGrath

The Agenda was reviewed by Committee Members.

Announcements:

1. ACCR needs Minute Recorders for 4 Committees. Please have interested parties contact Mike Gruber.
2. On Sunday, October 7th, Pittsburgh, along with thousands of concerned citizens in more than 60 communities across the nation will be joining NAMI's "Campaign for the Mind of America"; walking together to raise money and awareness about our country's need for a world-class treatment and recovery system for people with mental illness. The 5k walk will be held at the Southside Trail. For more information about this event, please contact either Lynn Brown or Kimberly Hall (412) 366-3788, or visit www.nami.org.
3. USPRA is presenting a 5-part Training Series: "Forwarding the Recovery Paradigm." It's really a great opportunity to hear from the top people of Recovery in the Country. Here is a brief listing of the Workshops:
 - Establishing Benchmarks for a Recovery Oriented Mental Health System – March 21
 - Creating a Recovery Based Mental Health Program – April 4
 - Putting Recovery Skills into Practice – April 18
 - Forging Your Recovery Path – May 2
 - Putting It All Together – Measuring Outcomes and Improving Services – May 16*** For more details on the Workshops, visit www.uspra.org.
4. Community Care's Conference, "RECOVERY, imagine the possibilities" will be held May 1st at the Omni William Penn from 8:30am – 5:00pm. Focusing on recovery and resiliency in adult, children, and individuals with co-occurring disorders, this conference is intended for people interested in behavioral health issues, including consumers and their families, providers and other stakeholders. Please call 412 454-8646 with questions.
5. The ACCR Consumer-Provider Collaborative Terminology Dialogue will also be held at the Omni William Penn the evening of April 30th as part of the Conference, which will be beginning with a Reception at 5:00pm.
6. ACHI's Recovery Planning Committee will be meeting March 26th at the Stackhouse Room (located in the Basement of the old United Way Building) from 2-5pm. They will be deciding what each of their subcommittees will be doing, deciding on the theme and speakers, planning the whole thing from the ground up. Much help is needed, and all are invited to attend and participate.
7. The "Day of Self Discovery" is tentatively set to be held on May 23rd. The location, however, may be different this year due to increased facility costs. 5 Break-out Session Rooms are needed. More details will be shared at the next meeting.

Minutes from the January 26, 2007 meeting were reviewed and officially approved.
There were enough voting members in attendance today to form a Quorum.

Decision Item: Review of ACCR Slogan Request by Recovery Booklet Subcommittee – Sarah

Discussion: The Committee reviewed and discussed the wording of the ACCR Slogan, with thoughts of updating it and making it more universal. After reviewing ACCR's Mission, it was the consensus that no changes will be made to the Slogan, and the wording and design of the ACCR Official Logo will remain the same.

Decision Item: Request for Funds for IOOV Training – Virginia

Discussion: It was decided that ACCR will Fund an In Our Own Voices Training for Laura Thomas; to be held April 21-22 in St. Louis, Missouri. The \$1,000 requested will cover Transportation, Hotel, and the Training. It was mentioned that monies were available, so all were in favor of funding the Training. Sharon will talk with Mike Gruber about paying expenses in advance so there would be no out-of-pocket expenses for Laura. Saya Krebs will also be attending the training. Community Care will be funding her participation in the program.

Discussion Item: ACCR Retreat Planning – Sarah/Sharon

Discussion: The Retreat will be held March 30th from 10am – 4pm at Wood Street. Lunch will be provided at this event. John Lee from Community Care will be facilitating the retreat; where we'll look at our accomplishments, review the mission and vision statements, determine where it is we want to go, and there will also be a short overview of the scan of the environment.

Discussion Item: Final Vote Tallies for SC Nominees and Use of Pictures on Website – Sarah/Sharon

Discussion: Kimberly Blair, PH.D. from Western Psych was welcomed as a new member of the Steering Committee. Chris Terry also was elected to the Committee by E-mail.

Final Vote on the Use of Pictures on the Website – It was decided that it is necessary to get Consent to use Pictures on the Website.

Discussion Item: Rehiring for ACCR Advocate – Sharon

Discussion: This will be a Full-Time position, requiring a Bachelor's Degree. If anyone is interested in this position, please contact Mike Gruber directly. He is hoping that the position will be filled and someone will be in place by March 30th.

Discussion Item: Fundraising – Sarah/Sharon

Discussion: The Public Awareness Committee drafted a general appeal letter, requesting funding. Craig distributed a copy to committee members, and the letter was reviewed. It was suggested that Maryann Baugher be asked to review the letter, who would then use her expertise to polish it up, thus improving the effectiveness and overall marketability of the appeal. It was also suggested that PSAN be contacted and be made aware of the letter, so they are kept in the loop throughout the fundraising process.

Agenda Item: Committee Reports – ACCR Committee Chairs

Consumer Provider Collaborative – The Terminology Dialogue will take place at the Omni William Penn on April 30th in conjunction with a reception the night before the conference. Next Meeting is Tuesday February 27th at 11:00am at Community Care. Staunton Clinic is planning their second family Trilogue in May. Family Services is planning one for this Spring. At this time, no specifics are known about their Dialogue.

We sent in a very rigorous Grant Proposal, requesting funds for promoting dialogues. However, PSAN decided not to support us with it. Sharon, Sarah, Mike and Wes will be meeting together with PSAN on 3/15 to discuss this further.

Quality – Harold – The group has been working on Service Planning, the project is nearly done – The service planning principles are circulating (pretty well received), and we've done one focus group with consumers. We are going to continue with a few more focus groups. Continue the blog, hopefully we'll receive comments. The document has been out there for nearly a year and we've gotten very little reaction to it. But if we take the next step and implement these, there may be negative feedback. Ideally, service plans should be comprehensive, integrated and coordinated. How do we do that? We will be exploring the service planning process further.

Child And Family – The guidelines are finished, though we will need to go back and revisit them as time goes by. During the next few months, continuing through July, we are going to be busy getting ready for Undependence Day. We're soliciting more reps for Undependence Day. There will be arts and crafts. We would like to hold a Recovery puppet show for kids. We could have the Boy Scouts help do picnic-style games with the kids. We will also be sending out a letter, encouraging community members, Churches, and other outside organizations to volunteer, or to donate items such as baked goods, stressing the universality of Recovery.

Education – The Recovery Booklet is in draft form and is being edited and the committee will have the results by March meeting. We hope to hold a meeting of the Social Marketing Task Force by the end of March. We will continue using IOOV vs. Speakers Bureau. The Education Committee Meets the 3rd Tuesday at CCBH, from 12:30 – 2:00pm, lunch is provided. Chris Weis will be a presenter at an upcoming In Our Own Voices speaking presentation.

Public Awareness – Craig & Chris W. – Undependence Day is tentatively confirmed for July 7th; the tentative location being the Library Grounds in Oakland adjacent to the new Conservancy green space. A "good army" of volunteers is needed, so all are invited to attend the initial Planning Meeting, to be held Tuesday, March 6th, 11:30am at Wood Street Commons, 4th Floor, in the Ruffin Room, where responsibilities will be delegated, and where details will be mapped out.

It was suggested that people either turn off their cell phones or set them on "vibrate" before the meeting starts. If you must answer your phone, step outside to take the call to cut down on disruptions during the meeting.

Next Meeting:

ACCR Steering Committee Retreat; March 30, 2007, 10:00am – 4:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy McGrath, Note Taker