

ACCR Committee Minutes Form

Date: April 27, 2007

Name of Committee: Steering Committee

Co-Chair(s): Sarah Goldstein, Sharon Alberts

Note taker: Mike Gruber

Attendees: Sarah Goldstein, Chris Weis, Denise Weis, Al Torcaso, Mary Jo Dickson, Melissa Medice, Wes Sowers, Harold Hartger, Sandra Kogut

Announcements:

1. ACCR is in need of people to take minutes for all committees. If you or someone you know is interested contact Mike at 412-350-4271.
 2. ACCR will co-sponsor with Community Care a dialogue about how we can address each other on 4/30 at 6:00. Community Care will host its annual conference the next day at the Westin William Penn. Consumers and family members may attend for free.
 3. The Day of Self-Discovery will be held May 23 from 8-4 at the Pitt Student Union again.
 4. Mike thanked Verna Johnson, Diane Johnson, Nancy McGrath, and Roy Faloskey for working the ACCR table at the NAMI Conference.
 5. July 14 is Community Days in Homestead. If anyone wants to have a booth contact Denise Kelly, president of Weed and Seed, at 412-462-7272.
 6. Al Torcaso's interview with Harold Hartger will be aired every Tuesday at 8 p.m. for most of May on Al's television show, Humanity Matters. The show can also be seen on the web at www.pctv21.com.
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Minutes:

A quorum of voting members was not present for the meeting. Those present voted 6-0 to approve the minutes.

Agenda Item: Vote to Approve Nominees to the Steering Committee

Committee Goal Being Addressed: Have a full compliment of Steering Committee Members

Discussion:

A motion was made to approve Verna Johnson, Roy Faloskey, and Al Torcaso to the ACCR Steering Committee. Those present voted 6-0 to approve.

Action Item	Person Responsible	Target Date
Email remainder of Steering Committee to obtain vote on nominees	Mike	Before next meeting

Agenda Item: Confirm Child/Family Co-Chair Nominee, Denise Weis

Committee Goal Being Addressed: Fill all Co-chair positions

Discussion:

Sherry Shaffer sent an email to Mike G. saying she could not attend the Steering Committee meeting and asked if a vote could be held to approve the Child/Family Committee's Co-Chair nominee, Denise Weis. The motion was made and those present voted 6-0 to approve.

Action Item	Person Responsible	Target Date
Email remainder of Steering Committee to obtain vote on nominees	Mike	Before next meeting

Agenda Item: Decision to Re-Open Discussion About ACCR Logo as Requested by the Recovery Booklet Subcommittee

Committee Goal Being Addressed:

Discussion:

Sarah Goldstein and Wes Sowers requested that this discussion be re-opened and those present agreed. Very briefly, the reasons for re-opening the discussion were:

1. The new slogans place more emphasis on the universality of recovery which is consistent with the theme of the new recovery booklet.
2. The new design is more stigma reducing and inclusive for families and children and for the general public.
3. Changing the logo might encourage the general public to read about ACCR whereas the current logo might discourage them from doing so if the person doesn't have a behavioral health disorder.

Arguments against changing the logo focused upon:

1. Drug and alcohol and mental health consumers may not feel the logo relates as well to them as the current one does.

Several alternative logos were presented with different fonts and colors. In addition to the expression, Recovery For Everyone, We Can and We Do, an additional slogan was suggested Recovery and Resilience, We Can and We Do. Steering Committee members will be asked to review the proposed logos before the next meeting. A vote will be held whether to change the design of the logo. If the motion is approved, a second vote will be held to determine which logo should be used.

Action Item	Person Responsible	Target Date
Sarah will ask Marianne Baugher to create a logo with the expression, Recovery and Resilience....., combine it with the other logos, and send it to Mike for distribution to SC members.	Sarah	5/4/07
Post logos on ACCR website and email Steering Committee Members to review prior to next meeting.	Mike	5/18/07

Agenda Item: Review of Steering Committee Retreat

Committee Goal Being Addressed:

Discussion:

Feedback from SC members was they thought the retreat was successful, the facilitators did a good job, and John was very patient in allowing people to express their ideas, but kept the group on track with the task at hand. In addition to learning a lot, members noted they had a good time.

Action Item	Person Responsible	Target Date
Put on agenda for next meeting discussion about the role of ACCR, who we are, etc.	Mike	5/25/07

Agenda Item: ACCR Budget

Discussion:

Sarah announced that ACCR's budget for next year will be \$44, 620. Community Care will contribute \$7,000 and the Office of Behavioral Health will contribute the balance.

Agenda Item: Recovery Specialist Position**Discussion:**

The Office of Behavioral Health has converted Saya's ACCR position from a part-time to a full-time position and changed the title to OBH Recovery Specialist. This position will have broader responsibilities at OBH in addition to ACCR. The position has been posted on Great Lakes Behavioral Research Institute's website.

Agenda Item: Steering Committee Co-Chair Meeting with PSAN**Discussion:**

On March 15, Sarah, Sharon, Mike, and Wes met with Shirlee and Jim from PSAN to discuss what process ACCR should follow with PSAN when it wants to apply for a grant from a foundation or other funding entity. PSAN asked to be notified 60 days prior to the actual submission of any grant application and that an ACCR representative presents the proposal to PSAN's board of directors at the earliest opportunity.

Agenda Item: Committee Reports**Discussion:**

1. Public Awareness Committee - Is working with the Child/Family Committee on Un-Dependence Day scheduled for Saturday, July 7 next to the Carnegie Library in Oakland. The next PA meeting is 5/8/07 11:30-1:00.
2. Consumer/Provider Collaborative – Is co-sponsoring a dialogue with Community Care on 4/30, the night before Community Care's Conference about the language we use to talk to each other (consumer, professional, etc.). Currently, 130 people are registered. A dialogue is scheduled for 5/14 at New Horizons.
3. Child/Family – Working with the Public Awareness Committee on Un-Dependence Day. Once ACCR makes final decision about its logo, the Committee will release its Guidelines document.
4. Quality – Has developed Service Planning Principles and is conducting focus groups to get feedback about the document. So far, 2 focus groups have expressed some concern about the term "service user". The long-term goal is to develop a consumer owned service plan that is utilized by all providers involved with the consumer. Currently, the Committee is collecting service plans from various providers to identify common elements. Over several years the committee hopes to develop a format that will be used by all providers.
5. Education – The Social Marketing Task Force (SMTF) met for the first time since September and identified 3 areas for developing the social marketing plan:
 - Building knowledge and skills for casemanagers and consumers
 - Building awareness for casemanagers and consumers
 - Building the evaluation of the projectAbout ½ the Task Force was unable to attend, so before the committee moves forward it wants to get additional input from the people who were not present.
A draft version of the Recovery booklet will be released soon.

Next Meeting Date, Location, and Time:

May 25, 2007

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12:30-2:15 p.m.