

The budget hand out was created in the new format, which reflects each committee and their budget for the fiscal year. Suggestions are as follows:

- The co-chairs indicate on their requisitions the name of the committee and the activity name.
- Requisition Form amended to indicate the following, which will help with tracking:
 - Committee
 - Activity
 - Identification Number
 - Show sources of income
 - Show line items against budget projections

Action Item	Person Responsible	Target Date
2007 – 2008 Fiscal Year End Budget Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compare last years budget to this years • Indicate sources of income and dollar amounts 	Mike Gruber	2007 – 2008 Fiscal Year End

Agenda Item: ACCR's Role in Addressing Substance Abuse
Committee Spokes Person: Robin Horston Spencer
Committee Goal Being Addressed: How does Substance Abuse play a viable role in the ACCR's Coalition?

Discussion:

Suggestions:

Robin expressed concern that ACCR's views and activities are too heavily weighted toward a mental health perspective. She also noted having difficulty recruiting people to attend ACCR committee meetings because they don't see the benefit to them of being involved with ACCR. There was brief discussion as to how these issues might be addressed. There was consensus this should be discussed further in the post-retreat planning committee.

Action Item	Person Responsible	Target Date
Post-retreat planning committee will address this as a major theme	Post-retreat planning committee	November

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Agenda Item: Education Committee
Committee Spokes Person: Laura Thomas

Discussion:

The In Our Own Voice training was very well attended and Roy helped with the process. Diane was one of the participants. she thought it was so exciting and the trainers were excellent.. IOOV does need help getting the speakers jobs if you would like someone to present at a group please contact: Sue Harrington at NAMI for scheduling and she'll let you know if someone is available for the day and time you're requesting.

In addition, ELI/Emerging Leadership Institute needs people to get involved in its groups. It is training people on leadership, development and learning how to participate as a board member, Chris and Roy have participated. There's a training that started in late June and the next group is projected to start in September, it will have a different format. There will be two sessions and each one will be for eight hours. The graduates meet the third Saturday of the month from 1:00 – 3:00 PM and they're also looking for providers to attend the meetings to look for perspective board members.

Agenda Item: Child and Family Committee
Committee Spokes Person: Denise Weis Sherry Shaffer

Discussion:

The committee discussed the Un-dependence Day Event and a lot of people turned out for the puppet show and races. There was more participation with kids compared to last year. The committee spent the last six months planning on how to help make Un-dependence Day more child and family friendly, which we felt was a success.

The committee is now focused on what's next: The committee has developed quality guidelines for children services providers, which have been finished for almost a year at this point, which were hoping to be implemented system wide in

the near future. The federal government is dictating what counties and states will have to report to the Feds relating to outcomes for children's services. Until these guidelines are published by the Feds and given to us the committee and all children services are not willing to move forward with developing guidelines for outlining what outcomes data we need to collect.

In the meantime our committee's goal is to try to influence system change at the macro level in all children's child serving systems to be more recovery resiliency oriented. ACHI and Community Care are bringing in Sandra Bloom to do a conference on Trauma Informed Care, and much of the child serving systems in PA are really moving towards being more aware of the trauma that children go through and how it influences their life, which can lead to all kinds of problems. Our committee will be participating in the planning stages of working with the Co., ACHI and all the children's providers to move the system forward. The Sandra Bloom, Trauma Informed Care Conference is September 19, 2007, on the Southside, held at the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM; it's free but limited to about 300 participants. It will be published next week and posted on the DHS website and sent out to providers.

Agenda Item: The Public Awareness Committee

Committee Spokes Person: Craig Dorin

Discussion:

Thanks to everyone who participated in the event, in spite of less public participation than last year, the event was masterfully executed. The Committee will take stock and evaluate the impact of some of the activities it has done and is interested in seeing what's going to come up regarding the long range strategic plan for the coalition. This will dictate where we go to have events and who we target. We'll be planning and discussing other target audiences and what things we can do differently to attract them and still be cost effective. We want to definitely have impact and touch more people and make them aware. We need to know what the steering committee thinks about which direction we should go. We hope the things we've outlined could be the tool that will get the results that are sought after. We are going to see how things went, look at the objectives ourselves and see what we can do from here.

Suggestions:

- More functions such as Un-dependence Day in the African American communities
- Take the Un-dependence Day Event on the road to other communities on a smaller scale
- Un-dependence Day can be taken to other venues around the city
- We have to find out what we want of the people before we go to them
- Let's get the children and families involved
- We have to know what we want to say, how to say it in the right way and take it to the right places where the people can hear it.
- Take smaller pieces of the puzzle, instead of trying to address the whole puzzle at one time.

Agenda Item: Quality Improvement

Committee Spokes Person: Verna L. Johnson

Discussion:

We talked about treatment plans and Wes' plan was popular or at least seemed to cover a lot of domains.

Agenda Item: Consumer Provider Collaborative

Committee Spokes Person: Sarah Goldstein

Discussion:

Southwest NAMI wants to put on a dialog for the family group there. We met and she's going to try to talk to family members to get a committee started and more productive meetings to talk to them about dialogs and talk to them about some kind of restraint, seclusion or forced treatment. It would probably be held in a church. Family Services of Western PA is planning a dialog and they're going to recruit their facilitators first and then create their dialog plan. The next meeting will be held on August 17, 2007, Community Care board room it's held every 3rd Friday of the month.

Action Item	Person Responsible	Target Date
Laura will give Sarah the name and number of the contact person for the Allegheny Center Alliance Church on the north side; she's willing to be involved.	Laura Thomas	ASAP

Agenda Item: Coalition Long Range Planning Committee
Committee Spokes Person: Sarah Goldstein
Discussion:
We'll start meeting in September report back to the steering committee.

NEXT MEETING

Date: Friday, August 31, 2007
Location: Life's Work, 1325 Forbes Avenue
Time: 12:30 - 2:15 p.m.