

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY COALITION FOR RECOVERY**  
**Steering Committee:**  
**Minutes**

Date: October 1, 2009

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**Co-Chairs:** Craig Dorin Verna Johnson

**Note taker:** Mike Gruber

**Steering Committee Members (\*):** **Sharon Alberts, Sandra Beahm**, Terri Bishop, William Boyce, Mary Jo Dickson, Craig Dorin, Chari Frederick, **Sarah Goldstein, Mike Gruber, Harold Hartger**, *Bernice Hayes*, Shirlee Hopper-Scherch, **Dennis Hughes, Verna L. Johnson, James Kindler, Melissa Medice, Meg Park, Chelsea Quattrone, Sherry Shaffer, Wes Sowers, Robin Spencer, **Jessica Strong**, Albert Torcaso, **Curtis Upsher, Chris Weis, Denise Weis****

* Members present are shown in <b>bold</b> . Excused absences are <i>italicized</i>
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**Guests:**

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**Welcome & Introductions:** The meeting was opened by Co-Chair, Craig Dorin.

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**Agenda Item 1: ACHI Recovery Conference & Gift Basket**  
**Committee Goal Being Addressed:**

**Discussion:**

- Jessica Strong from ACHI requested ACCR donate a gift basket to be given away in a raffle at the ACHI Recovery Conference in November. Chris volunteered to contribute several items given to him by the Pirates this summer. SC voted to approve up to \$60 in expenses associated with the project.

Action Item	Person Responsible	Target Date
James and Jessica volunteered to contact the Penguins and the Steelers to request other items for the gift basket	ACCR Co-Chairs	10-30-09

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**Agenda Item 2: ACCR Co-Chair Election**  
**Committee Goal Being Addressed:**

**Discussion:** The ACCR by-laws require that Co-Chairs elections be held annually. Verna and Craig ran uncontested for a second term. The Steering Committee unanimously confirmed both to a second one year term.

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**Agenda Item 3: Membership Committee Co-chairs' Nomination**  
**Committee Goal Being Addressed:**

**Discussion:** Cheri Frederick and Elise Bell were unanimously confirmed as Membership Committee Co-chairs.

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**Agenda Item 4: Refinement of Language for Draft Goal Pertaining to Social Justice**  
**Committee Goal Being Addressed:**

**Discussion:** At the August meeting, the Steering Committee adopted a draft goal that read, "*Stigma and discrimination will decrease and be recognized as a civil rights and social justice issue by increasing the public's awareness about recovery and resiliency of person's receiving services.*" The subcommittee developing objectives for this goal suggested the following modification to the goal – "*Stigma and discrimination will be recognized as civil rights and social justice issues that are barriers to recovery.*" The modification was unanimously accepted.

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**Agenda Item 5: Adoption of ACCR Objectives**  
**Committee Goal Being Addressed:**

**Discussion:** The objectives and proposed activities were reviewed. When asked if there were any issues with the proposed objectives none of the members in attendance raised any issues or objected. The discussion then shifted focus to the specific activities and suggestions were made for other activities and targets for consideration. This led to the assignment (noted below) for the co-chairs to discuss activities and collaboration with their committees.

<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Target Date</b>
Committee Co-Chairs are to discuss the objectives with their respective committees, solicit ideas for activities to implement the objectives, and identify ways in which they might work cooperatively with other committees on these projects. Co-Chairs are to bring suggestions back to the Steering Committee at the next meeting	Co-Chairs	10/30/09

**Next Meeting Date, Location, and Time:**  
**Friday October 30, 2009 12:30-2:15**  
**Life's Work 1325 Forbes Ave.**