

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY COALITION FOR RECOVERY**  
**Committee Co-Chairs Meeting**  
**MINUTES**  
**December 2, 2009**

**Chairs:** Craig Dorin, Verna Johnson

**Note Taker:** Charlotte (Chari) Frederick

**Members Present:** Sandy Beshm, William Boyce, Craig Dorin, Charlotte(Chari)Frederick, Sarah Goldstein, Mike Gruber, Dennis Hughes, Verna Johnson, James Kindler, Victoria Livingstone, Meg Park, Chris Weis, Denise Weis

**Guests:** Monica R. Fisher

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

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**Agenda Item 1: Review Agenda**

**Committee Goal Being Addressed: Meeting Purpose**

**Discussion: Led by Verna and Craig**

- Reviewed and discussed Committee Interactions to Achieve Mission Related Goals for Fall 2009
  1. Need for more cohesiveness within individual committee
  2. Need for more collaborative communication and activities between individual committees
  3. Need for more productive projects that display ACCR's mission objectives

**Agenda Item 2: Review Committee Projects**

**Committee Goal Being Addressed: Identification of individual committees' projects**

**Discussion: By Committee Co-Chairs**

- **Child and Family Committee**
  1. Toolkits
  2. PowerPoint
- **Consumer/Collaborative Committee**
  1. Dialogue with psychiatric residents
  2. Dialogue with PCP residents
- **Education**
  1. Distribution of booklets
  2. Social Marketing Task Force Phase II
- **Membership Committee**
  1. Bring in new members for ACCR
  2. Plan Awards Dinner
  3. Orientation Training for New ACCR Members

- **Public Awareness Committee**
  1. Respectful Communication (Social)–Collaborate with Education Committee
- **Quality Committee**
  1. Universal Service Plan
  2. Feedback about ANSA
- **Web-Site Redesign**

**Agenda Item 3: Current ACCR Products/Resources**

**Committee Goal Being Addressed: Identification of ACCR Products/Resources**

**Discussion: By Entire Committee**

**Publications:**

- ACCR general brochure
- CPC brochure
- Summaries of Dialogues completed
- Facilitator Trainings
- Guidelines for Dialogue Preparation for Agencies
- Consumer Oriented Continuous Quality Improvement Guidelines
- Recovery/Resiliency Brochure
- Resiliency/Recovery Crosswalk
- Child and Family Recovery/Resiliency Oriented Power Point Presentation
- Guidelines for Developing Resiliency for Children and Families (white paper)
- Hope and Change booklet–copyright
- Service Planning Principles Matrix with outcome indicators for persons in recovery, agency staff and local & state administrators
- Principles Explanation Document

- Guidelines for Developing Recovery Oriented Behavior Health Systems

- Measurement of Recovery Oriented Services General Survey
- Universality of Recovery Principles
- FY 2008-2009 Annual Report
- Membership Manual with Community leadership guidelines

**OTHER:**

- Social Marketing Meaningful Activity Posters
- WAMO
- December 2008 CD
- Child/Family Toolkit
- ACCR Tablecloth
- ACCR Stand-up Poster
- ACCR Banners
- Canvas Bags
- T-shirts

**Concerns:**

- Distribution
- Cost
- Best Placement of Items

**Agenda Item 4: Review of ACCR's Goals/Objectives**

**Committee Goal Being Addressed: Goals/Objectives**

**Discussion: By Verna and Craig**

- **Goals**
  1. Stigma and discrimination will be recognized as civil rights and social justice issues that are barriers to recovery
  2. Providers will communicate more respectfully with persons in the system and recognize their strengths and talents
  3. People receiving services, family members, and significant others will have a better understanding of recovery and resilience and recovery/resiliency principles

- **Objectives**

1. 1.1 Consumers of BH Services will be respected
  2. 1.2 The impact of stigma and discrimination will be recognized
  3. 2.1 Service plans and assessments include strengths, talents, skills, and interests of persons served
  4. 2.2 ACCR will have developed and distributed a report on respectful communication
  5. 3.1 ACCR will develop and disseminate materials for persons and providers served with focus on self-efficacy, growth, and holistic health
  6. 3.2 Family members and significant others will increase participation in recovery oriented activities and organizations, including ACCR
- **Co-Chairs are in Agreement with the Language and Objectives!!**

**Agenda Item 5: Committee Suggestions for Activities to Meet the Goals/Objectives**

**Committee Goal Being Addressed: Matching ACCR Activities with ACCR Goals/Objectives**

**Discussion: Led by Craig and Verna**

- Joining with the Pirates Organization
- Developing a Social Marketing Task Force
- Questioning the sale of our products? 501 C(3)
- Wide Dissemination (most Important)
- Using TV
- Using more Radio
- Using the Media (papers, etc.)
- Having more tables set up at more events
- Media Presentation Awards
- Solicit Personal Stories
- Make inroads with our Legislators
- Dialogues
- Publicize on boards at shopping areas
- Use our banner in Parades

**Agenda Item 6: Next Steps**

**Committee Goal Being Addressed: To further the Success of ACCR's Objectives by addressing our three Action Goals**

**Discussion: Led by Craig and Verna**

- Educating Legislators on "Person-First" Language
- Address the FACT that BH individuals have a life expectancy that is 25 years younger than those that are not BH individuals
- Create a document on respectful communication

**Next Meeting**

**Date: JANUARY 29, 2010**

**Location: Life's Work on Forbes Avenue**

**Time: 12:30 to 2:15**

