

Allegheny County Coalition for Recovery
Steering Committee:
Minutes
December 12, 2014

Co-Chair(s): Dennis Hughes
Note taker: LaTacia Brentley
Attendees: Meg Park; Angela Moffe; Charlene Saner; Barbara Witherspoon;
Maureen McCullum

Minutes reviewed and needs multiple corrections before being approved:

Agenda Item: Request for subcommittee to review/update/amend bi laws

Committee Goal Being Addressed: Discussion

Discussion: Barbara wants to be part of the subcommittee. The Steering Committee thinks there should be four people on the subcommittee. Thoughts that we should email SC members that are not hear to update and ask if they want to be a part. Denise Weis may really want to be a part.

Agenda Item: Committee Reports

Committee Goal Being Addressed:

Discussion:

Public Awareness: Lori suggested having a Wellness Fair. She spoke with her committee and they agree. They are still in the discussion stage and they would like to invite the Epilepsy Foundation as well as other organizations. They are also trying to get Senator Kennedy and/or Glenn Close to come.

Also, for December they are trying to send Season's Greetings letter to people such as new Peer Specialists to recruit for their Committee. This will be done for the New Year.

Child & Family: Are just revamping. They had their ahh-hah moment realizing that they don't have to revolve around the tool-kits. They are trying to re-discover their Mission and they have decided that they want to be less provider oriented and more person's served ages 14-25. They know that their goal is "To have youth and families understand that there is Recovery." They would like to teach that using the Recovery, Resiliency and Authenticity model.

They have been discussing maybe changing the time of the meeting to attract more members and also looking to maybe work with the SITY program.

Collaborative: Had another dialogue. It was very informative for Person's served who attended. They generally do two dialogues a year. They are looking to do their LGB dialogue the last week of January.

Also, if the dialogue with Law Enforcement is a go, they would like to work with Public Awareness to make that dialogue a success.

The members of Public Awareness that are present, would like to unanimously state that in September's meeting Mike stated that Collaborative would not be allowed to do the dialogue with Law Enforcement either.

Collaborative states that in their effort to do the dialogue with Law Enforcement, 2 things:

- 1. There are many hoops to go through*
- 2. They don't want to do anything with Law Enforcement without Public Awareness being involved.*

Agenda Item: ACCR Committee Grievance Procedure

Committee Goal Being Addressed: Discussion

Discussion:

Dennis and Wes have designed a form for Committee Members to use to file a grievance. Those wishing to file a grievance or anyone with any concerns should always contact Dennis or Wes.

Agenda Item: Ongoing direction of the SC

Committee Goal Being Addressed: discussion

Discussion:

The Committee would like to see its members be more open minded to their view of others. Members present today feel like this was a very good a productive meeting and hope to see future meetings go the same way, there was a lot of good feedback. Members present also feel as though we are often not able to speak our true thoughts in the presence of larger groups feeling that sometimes the idea gets lost, but we got back on track today. The meeting today was more productive with no yelling or cutting people off, there seems to be cohesiveness. Maybe if the committee as a whole could do more to support the cohesiveness. Members feel as though things should be more transparent when it comes to the budget and other important issues that come about. The members also feel that the decision makers need to be more aware of what is really going on here and that they should be held accountable just as we are.

Agenda Item: Steering Committee Orientation

Committee Goal Being Addressed: Discussion

Discussion: Tabled to next meeting

Next Meeting:

March 27, 2015

Life works

1325 Forbes Ave

12:30-2:30