

Allegheny County Coalition for Recovery (ACCR) Committee Minutes

Date: July 25, 2008

Name of Committee: Steering

Co-Chair(s):	Sarah Goldstein	Sharon Alberts		
Note Taker:	Phyllis Y. Nettles			
Attendees:	William Boyce	Mike Gruber	Sherry Shaffer	Albert Torcaso
	Kimberly Blair	Harold Hartger	Georgeanna Smith	Curtis Upsher Jr.
	Craig Dorin	Annette Mendel	Laura Thomas	Denise Weis

WELCOME: Co-Chairs Sharon Alberts and Sarah Goldstein called the meeting to order.

INTRODUCTIONS: Attendee introductions were made.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Minutes from the June 27, 2008 meeting were approved, with the following changes:

- **Agenda Item:** Year End Financial Report from Fiduciary
 - The Zoo Awareness Participation \$300 has been deleted.
 - The Life Cycles Unlimited amount has been changed to \$325.

REVIEW OF AGENDA: No changes were made to the agenda as presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Chris Weis is in Shadyside hospital and he's doing well, therefore he will be released tomorrow. He's in a "Smart Room", therefore he can receive E-mails. Craig Dorin sent Chris a "Get Well" E-mail message from all of us.
2. As a result of the LifExpo Phyllis Y. Nettles made contact with JoAnn Kline, President of LifecyclesUnlimited, therefore the Public Awareness Committee will have a booth at the 2008 Walkers' Festival on September 20, 2008, from 11 AM to 5 PM at the Pittsburgh Zoo and Aquarium. There will be an opportunity to make a presentation to the public. We need volunteers, therefore William Boyce sent out a flyer to drum up support. Craig Dorin passed around the 2008 Walkers' Festival flyer; you can contact him if you are interested in volunteering.

Action Item	Person Responsible	Target Date
Bring information on the health newsletter where you can publish any mental health announcement for free.	Laura Thomas	August 29, 2008

3. The Social Marketing Task Force is ready to launch its poster initiative. This morning Lynn Holmes and Phyllis Nettles presented the posters to the SCU directors. As a result we will be going out with the Office of Behavioral Health program monitors to each of the Service Coordination Units to speak to them about the project and talk to them about the importance of meaningful activities.
4. Community Care is reaching out even more to the community by conducting Health Choices Feed Back Forums in other locations in Allegheny County. Community Care has had forums in Wilkesburg and McKeesport, and they have scheduled a forum for Springdale. In addition Community Care will be conducting 3 more meetings in September.
5. Re: solve Crisis Network – if someone calls ACE's the call goes straight to the Re: solve Crisis Network; the new phone number is 1-888-7-YOUCAN (1-888-796-8226). Coming soon every address in Allegheny County will receive a post card with tear-off's of the phone number and they'll be on the electronic bill boards and bus placards.

6. Community Care is sponsoring a free Webinar "Are Consumers in the Drivers Seat" on August 13, 2008 from 12 – 1 PM with Paul Whitman and Saya Krebs; to participate you have to be registered. If you would like to register, contact Sarah Goldstein at 412-402-7511. Further information is available on the Community Care/Pat Degan website at www.recoverylearning.com.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Agenda Item: ACCR Steering Committee Co-Chair Elections

Nominees: Craig Dorin and Harold Hartger

Discussion: Each Nominee gave a 3-5 minute presentation; the committee asked questions & voted by secret ballots. Candidates for the position of ACCR Provider Co-chair, Craig Dorin and Harold Hartger, spoke about their vision for ACCR, answered recovery and ACCR Coalition based questions from Steering Committee members prior to a vote for the position. Following the vote, Craig was announced as the new Co-chair. Verna Johnson, who was unable to attend the meeting, ran unopposed for the Consumer Co-chair position and was elected.

Action Item	Person(s) Responsible	Start Date
Assume their ACCR Steering Committee Co-Chair duties.	Craig Dorin and Verna L. Johnson	July 25, 2008

Agenda Item: Consumer Provider Collaborative Consumer Co-Chair Nomination

Spokes Person(s): Sarah Goldstein

Discussion: Sarah has been nominated for the Consumer Provider Collaborative Consumer Co-Chair. A motion for her nomination was made, seconded, voted on and unanimously passed.

Agenda Item: ASK Budget Request Questions

Spokes Person(s): ACCR Steering Committee

Discussion: Questions, Answers and Suggestions about each committee's fiscal year budget.

- Year End Budget – estimation of \$35,000 To \$38,000 of the budget has been spent.
- Can ACCR money be redistributed between committees – yes.
- If a committee has a large event, then several committees should share in putting on this event.
- If one committee's publicizing information that benefits all committees then all committees could share in the budget expense for the publicity.

Action Item	Person Responsible	Target Date
Put together budget plans for this fiscal year in writing indicating the goals to be accomplished, what actions will be taken to accomplish these goals, and how much will it cost. Submit budget request to the SC for approval.	ACCR Steering Committees	August 29, 2008

NEXT MEETING

Time: 12:30 - 2:15 PM

Date: September 26, 2008

Location: Life's Work, 1325 Forbes Avenue

I would like to thank the ACCR Steering Committee for giving me the opportunity to be the Minute Taker. Meeting all of you has been an invaluable experience; I will miss working with you all. I wish ACCR all the best in your future endeavors. I would also like to thank Harold Hartger for affording me the opportunity to continue to be the Minute Taker after I became employed by Mercy Behavioral Health, East Liberty. Sincerely, Ms. Phyllis Y. Nettles