

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COALITION FOR RECOVERY

Name of Committee: Steering Minutes

Date: August 29,2008

Co-Chair(s): Craig Dorin, Verna L. Johnson

Note taker: Verna L. Johnson

Attendees: Melissa Medice

Terri Bishop

Chris Weis

Meg Parks

Sarah E. Goldstein

Denise Weis

James Kindler

Albert Torcaso

Sharon Alberts

William Boyce

Mike Gruber

Annette Mendel

Welcome: Co-chairs Craig Dorin and Verna L. Johnson called the meeting to order.

Introductions: Attendee introductions were made.

Brief Announcements:

Legislative Breakfast October 3,2008.

Health Choices: Feedback forum for members and family.

Members 2-3:30PM (9/11/08) Family 6:30-8:00PM Springdale Volunteer Fire Hall

Members 2-3:30PM (9/15/08) Family 6:30-8:00PM Jefferson Hospital

Members 2-3:30PM (9/18/08) Family 6:30-8:00PM Stowe Rocks Family

Mayview Stakeholder Meeting September 19 ,2008. Crowne Plaza Hotel South Hills

11:00 Am-5:00PM Mayview Land use meeting at Mayview October 14,2008

Health Choices Phone number 412-402-7511

Agenda Item: Review of Sandy Beahm and Dennis Hughes nomination for Education Co-Chairs.

Committee Goal Being Addressed: Vote

Discussion: Majority agreed to accept them as Co-Chairs. Not enough voting members were present at SC to finalize the Process.

Action Item	Person Responsible	Target Date
Next SC have the votes needed to have Ed Co-Chairs process finalized	Voting Members of SC	9/26/08

Agenda Item: Revise SC Meeting Format

Committee Goal Being Addressed: efficient use of SC meeting time

Discussion: In favor of quarterly budget review

Action Item	Person Responsible	Target Date
Majority agreed, still not enough voting members present	Voting Members of SC	9/26/08

Agenda Item: Public Awareness Committee

Committee Goal Being Addressed: Needs a Co-Chair or could merge with the Education Committee.

Discussion: James Kindler volunteered to Co-Chair for PA Committee.

Considering current members of PA Committee for Co-Chair or members from other committees for the position.

Action Item	Person Responsible	Target Date
On going	ACCR PAC and SC	

Agenda Item: Is ACCR Meeting Retreat Goals and Strategies?

Committee Goal Being Addressed: SC looking at the need for more retreats.

**Workshops were suggested to educate people that are not involved with ACCR
In an effort to recruit members for ACCR.**

Discussion: Agreed there should be more retreats in the future. Some mixed responses as to whether retreat goals from March 2007 are being met.

Each Committee must examine their retreat goals and strategies regarding the mission of ACCR and the intended outcomes.

What will committees say? They will say they are following the mission.

Other organizations like Let Our Voices Be Heard: Mental Health America is doing more with consumer participation than ACCR. ACCR needs more consumers as members.

Is ACCR fulfilling its mission in each committee? Part of the mission statement was read: Increase awareness of behavioral health recovery and promote use of recovery principles and practices in Allegheny County.

Action Item	Person Responsible	Target Date
To follow up discussion	ACCR SC	9/26/08
To suggest new location and or person to run retreat	ACCR SC	9/26/08

Agenda Item: Budget funding Short Fall

Committee Goal Being Addressed: Work with the funding we have.

Discussion: Fund raising of money that is needed or SC cuts to determine which committee will receive funding for their project expenditure

Action Item	Person Responsible	Target Date
To use the quarterly budget meeting to determine budget is sufficiently being utilized	ACCR SC	9/26/08

Agenda Item: Revisited if ACCR needs the 7,000.00 dollars that is not in the budget this fiscal year.

Committee Goal Being Addressed: Deciding if it will be necessary to write grants for the short fall of funds.

Discussion: Do we want left over money like the last fiscal year? We would like to have a budget that will not have last minute spending at the end of the fiscal year. Possibility of fund raising with PSAN.

Looking closely at cost, the end results considering less expensive cost of activities that are planned.

Some committees may be over budget in estimate of finances requested. We may already have the funds we need for the year. If we find fat in the budget it should be cut.

It is time to start working on a proposal for funds in the 2009-2010 fiscal year for consideration by Curtis Upsher deadline by November 2008.

Action Item	Person Responsible	Target Date
On going	ACCR Committees	

Agenda Item: Publishers For ACCR Materials

Committee Goal Being Addressed: Publishing expenses lowering them.

Discussion: Advertising and printing using different material. Joint committee's printings.

Action Item	Person Responsible	Target Date
Choosing Publishing sources: Community Care , Trust Frankland, TSI, Kinko and other printers	All ACCR Committee's	9/26/08

Next Meeting Date, Location, and Time: October 26, 2008

Life's Work 1325 Forbes Avenue, 12:30-2:15