Allegheny County Coalition for Recovery

Quality Committee

Minutes

October 6, 2017

Present: Lilly Brindle, David Fath, Paul Freund, Jenn House, Saralynn Kramm, Christopher Shepherd, Anthony Lucas, David Fath

I. Welcome and Introductions

Room 1373 CCBHO, Pittsburgh PA 11:30-1:00 pm

II. Review Minutes from August 2017

First Motion: Anthony Lucas, Second Motion: Jenn House
Minutes Accepted

III. Announcements

a. Announcements from Committee members

Jenn House announced that CCBHO was holding a conference on October 25, 2017 titled, Community Care Conference: 20 years of HealthChoices, Recovery, and Innovation in Behavioral Health Services. It is being held on October 25, 2017 at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Pittsburgh, PA. David Fath reminded the Committee to call their representatives. He noted there were several important bills being debated including H.R.1290 - Improving Access to Mental Health Act. Lilly Brindle announced Gateway Rehabilitation's 26th Annual Recovery Breakfast would be held on Sunday October 26, 2017 at the DoubleTree Hotel, Cranberry Township. It was noted at the end of the meeting that a new QI Committee project would be beginning. David Fath asked for suggestions. It was noted that a review of past projects and their progress would be beneficial.

b. Steering Committee updates

Anthony Lucas gave a presentation to the Steering Committee concerning the Logic Model, a tool used by funders, managers, and evaluators of programs to evaluate the effectiveness of a program. The Steering Committee is to utilize logic models in its' long term planning. Paul Freund gave a report on a survey he and CART are conducting concerning overall providers perspective about ACCR. He reported that approximately 2/3 of those interviewed had no knowledge of ACCR. He noted that many providers suggested trainings as a need which ACCR could perhaps fill.

IV. First Responders Project

a. Debrief Recovery Walk

ACCR participation was deemed a success. Two large posters were filled with well wishes, thanks and signatures in support of first responders, (police, fire, EMT's). The question of what to do next with the posters was raised. The QI had had discussions in prior months about the next steps and the two main ideas were a. to present them to City of Pittsburgh Council and/or Allegheny County Council in recognition of the work of first responders, specifically in combating the opioid epidemic and b. to reproduce the posters and distribute them to various first responder stations throughout Allegheny County.

b. Next Steps

Anthony Lucas was to get quotes concerning the cost of reproducing the posters. David Fath was to coordinate with Mike Gruber concerning the best ways to coordinate with City and County Councils.

V. Strategic Planning

a. Review of Logic Model

Anthony Lucas distributed a copy of what the Steering Committee discussed concerning the Logic Model. Increasing Awareness of ACCR must be a priority.

b. Discussion of input of QI into overall plan

The QI Committee determined that defining ACCR's role is important. ACCR has strong community partners and is funded through the Allegheny County Office of Behavioral Health. It was suggested that the Allegheny County Office of Behavioral Health as well as ACCR's community partners could promote ACCR more. This would improve ACCR's visibility, one of the goals of the strategic planning sessions. Christopher Shepherd noted that if ACCR could promote and market itself as a part of the Office of Behavioral Health, its logic model outputs would be viewed in higher esteem by providers and consumers alike. The QI Committee determined that ACCR would benefit greatly from the title of Advisory Group to the Allegheny County Office of Behavioral Health.   Community Partners like CCBHO could become more involved by promoting ACCR and giving more input and feedback into ACCR. Social media such as Twitter and Facebook should be utilized more by ACCR.

Next Meeting: Friday November 3, 2017 from 11:30 am- 1:00 pm Room 1373 CCBHO, 339 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA -- Thank You!