

Allegheny County Coalition for Recovery

Quality Committee

Minutes

December 1, 2017

Present: Debbie Duch, David Fath, Paul Freund, Sarah Goldstein, Jenn House, Saralynn Kramm, Anthony Lucas, Mike McCarthy, Christopher Shepherd, Cynthia Spanier, Jess Williams

I. Welcome and Introductions

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

II. Review Minutes from November 2017

Sarah Goldstein asked that the 6th bullet point under First Responders Project be changed to read Sarah looking for someone who is doing MAT to interview for Community Care Newsletter.

First Motion: Sarah Goldstein, Second Motion: Saralynn Kramm
Minutes Accepted

III. Announcements

a. Announcements from Committee members

Jess Williams announced the tentative date for the 2018 Recovery Walk to be September 15, 2018. Paul Freund announced that UPMC and CART have received a PCORI grant to study implementation of technology in psychiatric care. It is a four year grant.

b. Steering Committee updates

A public awareness video was presented on the challenges of mental illness. Deb Ferraro is retiring as Provider Chair. A new Provider Chair for the Steering Committee is needed. All projects that ACCR Committee's develop can be sent for official approval to the Allegheny County Office of Behavioral Health, if the Committee so desires.

IV. First Responders Project

a. Updates on Poster/Next Steps

Alpha Graphics will scan the posters from the Recovery Walk and provide us digital copies to have for future use at our discretion. At this point, it is recommended to not print additional

copies of the posters until a plan is established for its use. While there is not a known number of first responder stations throughout Allegheny County, there are very many. The idea of presenting the posters to the City of Pittsburgh/Allegheny County Councils in recognition of First Responders was raised. City of Pittsburgh Councilman Bruce Kraus and Allegheny County Chief Executive Rich Fitzgerald were both involved in the Recovery Walk. Jess Williams are agreed to reach out to City of Pittsburgh contacts and Anthony Lucas was to follow up with Denise Macerelli at the Office of Behavioral Health for assistance in connecting with the County.

V. Thinking forward to Next Project

a. Expansion/Same Theme

The idea of recognition of First Responders was elaborated upon. Jess Williams suggested somehow recognizing the best stations or zones or perhaps the best first responder. The criteria upon which would be determined. Applications for “super star” first responders could be printed on one side of a document with a reduced size version of the Recovery Walk poster on the opposite side. A best practices document for dealing with opioid overdoses could be drafted.

b. Collaboration with another committee

i. Dialogue?

It was suggested that the QI Committee could partner with the Collaborative for Recovery Dialogues bringing together First Responders, Narcan recipients and mental health professionals. It would continue an anti-stigma campaign supporting treatment of those with substance use disorders with dignity and respect. The focus could be on the relationships between the parties. The explanation of the Dialogues can be found on the ACCR website, www.coalitionforrecovery.org.

ii. Other Ideas

Another potential project could be partnering with the Child and Family Committee. A potential project could be focused upon the children of parents/guardians who . While the specifics of any new project are unknown, children of addicts also face the stigma associated with addiction. The Committee noted that fighting the stigma of addiction is important. Any project associated with addiction should stress that addiction is a disease.

Next Meeting: Friday January 5, 2018 from 11:30 am- 1:00 pm Room 1373 CCBHO, 339 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA

Thank You