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MINUTES
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING

New College Institute, Martinsville, VA
February 12, 2013 – 4:00 P.M.
New College Institute Room 303

LHRC MEMBERS ATTENDING: Nancy Davis, Susan Meeks, Rhonda Stone, Sharon Hooker, and Sharon Shepherd

OTHERS ATTENDING: Jeannie Odachowski, Family Preservation Services, Sherry Cowan, Blue Ridge Counseling Services, Joseph Pratt and Angela Porter, National Counseling Group, Lois Barbour and Cynthia Eberhardt, Pioneer Outpatient Behavioral Health, Mary Menefee and Dianne Hairston, Mayo Residential, LLC, Vicki Adams, MPowering Kids, Donna Hodges, Trinity Support Services, Tammy Solari, United Support Services, Pamela Pritchett, Steppingstones, Penny Belcher, Patrick County Developmental Center, Henry Ayers, PARC Workshop, Inc., Tameki Tarpley and Cynthia Bradford, Community Alternatives VA, Jennifer Sherman and Dale Hamann, Intercept Youth Services, Rochelle Potter and Ashley Callahan, Phoenix LLC, Carol Walker, East Mental Health, Glenda Pollard, Hope Tree Family Services, Torey Morris and Lisa Hairston, Life Stages, Inc., Lynda Edghill, Good Will Industries of the Valleys, Mary Laughinghouse, EHS, and Robert Bombo, Upside to Youth, Bonita Vipperman, Ron Hairston, Greg Preston, Annie Webster, and Lisa Smith, Piedmont Community Services, Stephanie Motley, ATIBA Youth Interventions, LLC, Amy L. Nunley, Support Systems, Inc., Renee Foster, Branches of Hope, Jennifer Manjum, Destini Therapeutic Services, Tim Hairston, Nuzoe Ministries .

LHRC MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Rountree

I. Call to Order - Nancy Davis

Committee Chairman Nancy Davis called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. Approval of November 11, 2013 Minutes – Nancy Davis

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the November 11, 2012 meeting minutes as presented.

III Regional Advocate's Report – Jennifer Kovack

a. Jennifer provided Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) training for committee members prior to today's meeting. Members attending were: Nancy Davis, Sharon Shepherd, Rhonda Stone and Susan Meeks. Jim Rountree and Sharon Hooker were unable to attend. Sharon was to receive FOIA training immediately following the LHRC meeting. Jim Rountree will receive information at the next meeting. It is required that committee members receive FOIA training annually. FOIA also requires that information about the LHRC be made public. Information can be found on Piedmont Community Services' website, www.piedmontcsb.org. Jennifer advised everyone that meetings are public and

anyone can attend, however, sessions to discuss private information relating to requests submitted to the LHRC are closed. Closed sessions are indicated on the agenda.

b. Packets of information need to be sent out to give the LHRC Committee ample time to review requests. In a prior meeting, Jim Rountree led a discussion regarding the need to receive this information in order to have ample time to reviews requests. Meeting notices are sent out approximately two weeks before meetings. A possible deadline for affiliate requests will be discussed at the next meeting.

IV. CSB Activities – Ron Hairston

- a. Ron reported that PCS successfully completed its 40th year celebration in 2012. Some of the year's events were:
 1. Opened new ICF on Booker Road
 2. Opened "The Landing" on Starling Avenue
 3. Dedicated a gazebo in Franklin County in memory of consumers who have passed away
 4. 40th Anniversary theme at Chamber's Trade Show
 5. Compiled and printed an brief history booklet

V. Affiliation Requests:

1. Donna Hodges with Trinity Support Services requested to expand mental health support services to the counties of Patrick and Pittsylvania. Trinity has been in business since September 2011 and has an office on Starling Avenue. They have 55 clients and a staff of 14 clinicians and two LPCs. A motion was made to approve Trinity Support Services' request to expand services to Patrick and Pittsylvania counties. The motion was seconded and received a unanimous vote to approve this request.

2. Angela Porter with National Counseling Group requested to add therapeutic day treatment services to Callaway Elementary School and four Martinsville schools, Albert Harris, Patrick Henry Elementary, Martinsville Middle School and Martinsville High School. NCG has been in business 20 years and their local office is located at 33 Ellsworth Street in Martinsville. A motion as was to approve National Counseling's request to expand services. The motion received a second and a unanimous approval.

3. Carol Walker with East Mental Health requested to add community-based Psychosocial Rehabilitation services for adults in Rocky Mount. They have a location in Boones Mill off Naff Road. The program will involve community volunteering such as the soup kitchen. A motion was made to approve this request. The motion received a second and a unanimous vote of approval followed.

4. Jennifer Manjum of Destini Therapeutic Services requested affiliation with the LHRC. Destini Therapeutic will provide mental health support services in South Boston and Danville. They are located in Halifax. She has requested affiliation with this LHRC because there will not be a meeting scheduled for a couple of months in the Danville area and she wants to become fully licensed to provide services before then. She was unable to attend the last meeting in Danville. She may transfer her affiliation at a later date. Jennifer indicated that traveling from Halifax to Martinsville for meetings would not be a problem. A motion was made to approve affiliation. The motion received a second and a unanimous vote of approval followed.

5. Vicki Adams with MPowering Kids requested to add therapeutic day

treatment in two area schools, Rich Acres Elementary and Drewry Mason Elementary. After discussing the matter, a motion was made to approve this request. The motion received a second and a unanimous vote of approval followed.

6. Jennifer Sherman with Intercept Youth Services requested to expand services to include mental health support in Danville and to extend Crisis Stabilization and intervention services to following areas: Lynchburg, Amherst, Campbell, Appomattox, Pittsylvania, Danville, Henry, Martinsville and Patrick. Their office is located at 725 Church Street in Lynchburg. They have 6-8 clients at any given time. A motion was made to approve this requested. The motion received a second and a unanimous vote followed.

Jennifer Kovack will send out letters acknowledging these changes the first of next week.

VI. Other:

a. Affiliate Reports:

Pioneer Health - Cynthia Eberhardt reported that they have ten clients and no incidents in the fourth quarter. She advised that they do not use restraints.

PARC Workshop – Henry Ayers reported that they have plenty of work at their work program. There were no incidents or restraints to report.

National Counseling – Joe Pratt reported that they are serving 63 clients. They have had no complaints and no restraints to report.

Phoenix, LLC – Ashley Callahan reported that they have 85 clients. They had no complaints or allegations, and no restraints used.

East Mental Health – Carol Walker reported that they had no incidents and do not use restraints.

Trinity Support Services – Donna Hodges reported that they had no incidents and do not use restraints.

Stepping Stones – Pam Pritchett reported that they had no incidents and don't use seclusion and restraints.

Patrick County Development Center – Penny Belcher reported that they serve 13 clients and had no incidents or restraints used.

Family Preservation – Jean Odachowski reported that they had no incidents or restraints used.

Mayo Residential – Mary Menefee reported that Mayo had three incidents (one required a therapeutic body hold) that have all been resolved.

Blue Ridge Counseling – Sherry Cowan reported that they are serving 22 clients and had no incidents or restraints used.

Hope Tree – Glenda Pollard reported that Hope Tree had no incidents and used no restraints.

Support Systems – Amy Nunley reported that they had no complaints or restraints used.

Goodwill of the Valleys – Lynda Edghill reported that they serve 24 clients and had two Peer-to-Peer which have been resolved. They had no seclusions or restraints to report.

Intercept Youth Services – Jennifer Sherman reported that they had no incidents to report. They also had no restraints or seclusion used. They were audited in September and their license was renewed and in good standing.

Community Alternatives– Tameki Tarpley reported that they had not complaints and did not use any restraint or seclusion.

Upside to Youth – Richard Bombo reported that they had not incidents and did not use any restraint or seclusion.

Nuzoe Ministries – Tim Hairston reported that they are still working on getting licensed.

Life Stages – Torey Morris reported that they had 31 mental health clients and not incidents to report.

United Support Services – Tammy Solari reported that they had one incident reporting a restraint

EHS Support Services – Mary Laughinghouse reported that they are serving 81 clients and have not incidents, restraints or seclusions to report.

Branches of Hope – Renea Foster reported that they had no incidents, restraints or seclusions to report. They are located at 20 Walnut Street in Martinsville.

ATIBA – Stephanie Motley reported that they have 24 clients and no incidents, restraints or seclusions to report.

MPowering Kids – Vicki Adams reported that they had no incidents, restraint or seclusions to report.

PCS – Ron Hairston reported that PCS had one allegation of abuse that was unfounded. There were no restraints or seclusions to report.

b. Nancy Davis reported that the LHRC has a vacancy due to a recent resignation. Affiliates were asked to make recommendations for this position. The position needs to be filled with a family member.

c. Bonita Vipperman, Quality Assurance for PCS, gave an update on the high rate of suicide in Patrick County, which is 3 to 5 times higher than in other parts of the state. She invited everyone to attend an ASSIST Suicide Training. The Patrick County Suicide Coalition was met February 28, 2:00 at PCS. Annie Webster advised everyone that there is also a coalition working in Franklin County and an ASSIST training scheduled. There is also a group in Martinsville. Bonita advised anyone who is interested in being involved in this effort to contact Becky Lovell.

VIII. Upcoming Meeting Dates – Nancy Davis

The following meetings were scheduled for 2013:

May 14, 2013 – Meeting and Annual Committee Appreciation Dinner, Dutch Inn, 4:00 pm meeting, appreciation dinner immediately following the meeting. Reservations are required.

August 13, 2013 – New College, Room 303

November 19, 2013 – New College, Room 303

Respectfully submitted by:

Becky Lovell