

**MINUTES**  
**LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**New College Institute, Martinsville, VA**  
**August 14, 2012 – 4:00 P.M.**

**LHRC MEMBERS ATTENDING:** Nancy Davis, Susan Meeks, Rhonda Stone, and Jim Rountree

**OTHERS ATTENDING:** Henry Ayers, PARC Workshop, Inc., Penny Belcher, Patrick County Developmental Center, Pamela Pritchett, Stepping Stones, Sherry Cowan and Sharon Wilson, Blue Ridge Counseling Services, Cynthia Eberhardt, Pioneer Outpatient Behavioral Health, Jeannie Odachowski, Family Preservation Services, Chad Colley, Hope Tree Family Services, Beth Snyder, United Support Services, Maria Hodge, United Support Services, Mary Laughinghouse, EHS Support Services, Ashley Callahan and Megan Smith, Phoenix, LLC, Carol Walker, East Mental Health, Carla Yopp and Donna Hodges, Trinity Support Services, Jennifer Sherman, Tony Emmons, and Dale Hamann, Intercept Youth Services, Sue Ann Arbee, It's About Time, Inc., Joseph Pratt, National Counseling Group, Pastor Milton d. Johnson, Nu-Zoe Ministries, Inc., Torry Morris, Life Stages, Inc., Lynda Edghill, Goodwill Industries of the Valleys, Vicki Adams, MPowering Kids, Amy Nunley, Support Systems, LLC, Mary Menefee, Mayo Residential, LLC, Tameki Tarpley and LaComa Hairston, The Claye Corporation, Becky Lovell, Piedmont Community Services, Ron Hairston, Piedmont Community Services, Jennifer Kovack, Office of Human Rights/DBHDS.

**LHRC MEMBERS ABSENT:** Linda Smith, Sharon Hooker and Sharon Shepherd

**I. Call to Order - Nancy Davis**

Committee Chairman Nancy Davis called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

**II. Approval of May 8, 2012 Minutes – Nancy Davis**

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the May 8, 2012 minutes as presented.

**III. CSB Activities – Ron Hairston**

- a. Piedmont Community Services is in its 40<sup>th</sup> year and has planned several celebration events throughout the year.
- b. PCS will host a Martinsville-Henry County Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours on Thursday, September 27, 5:30 – 7:00 at the 24 Clay Street office.
- c. Hey and CHILL are also celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year.
- d. Piedmont Home, PCS' Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) recently passed the state inspection. No deficiencies were reported. Residents from PRGH have moved in and the facility is full.
- e. Piedmont's Community Recovery Program is holding Recovery Day events on

September 11 and 12 at Patrick Henry Community College. Delbert Boone, a well-known nationally recognized authority on addiction and criminal behavior will be the guest speaker at both events. For more information contact Piedmont Community Services.

f. PCS is in the process of determining the best use for the former PRGH on Starling Avenue. The building is vacant as a result of residents moving to the new ICF.

#### **IV. Regional Advocate's Report – Jennifer Kovack**

a. Jennifer advised the affiliates that they must now send a copy of all Critical Incident Reports involving consumer deaths to the Department of Behavioral Health Central Office. They fax number (804-692-0066) is listed on the bottom of the Serious Injury/Death Form.

b. Jennifer led a discussion concerning how to determine when you have a “serious injury”. If the consumer requires professional medical attention, a Serious Injuries or Deaths Form should be completed and sent to Central Office along with a copy of the Critical Incident Report. A death should be reported when the individual is receiving services at the time of death within 24 hours. The cause of death should be reported if it is known. Jennifer will provide more information at the next meeting.

c. Affiliates were advised that they should expect more site visits as there has been an increase in monitoring. Human Rights advocates will also be in the communities more often and will be more involved with the Department of Criminal Justice.

d. Jennifer will send out information on reporting Peer-to-Peer incidents. The form has not changed. She will discuss more on Peer-to-Peer Incidents at the next meeting. Affiliates will need to review these as an allegation and do internal reviews to determine if neglect is involved.

e. Affiliates requested a central list or roster (possibly a website) of providers. This will be put on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

#### **V. Affiliation Requests:**

1. Upside to Youth Development (same as Youth Development, LLC) – Richard Roman requested to move their office from Martinsville to Danville and to add Mental Health Support to their license. They chose to remain affiliated with the Martinsville LHRC rather than with the Danville committee. Their Danville office is located at 625 Piney Forest Road. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve changes as requested.

2. Intercept to Youth – Jennifer Sherman requested an expansion to include an office in Lynchburg. They do not have the address yet but she will provide this information at the next meeting. Jennifer also requested approval to expand services in the Lynchburg area to include Intensive In-Home and Mental Health Support. Dale Hamann, also with Intercept for Youth, requested an expansion of services for Intercept to Youth to move into Bedford and to add Crisis Stabilization Services in Bedford and Rocky Mount. They currently have an office in Rocky Mount. After discussing the matter, a motion was made, seconded and passed to approve these requests as presented.

3. United Support Services – Beth Snyder requested an expansion of services to include O/P Psychiatric and Substance Abuse Services in Franklin and Bedford counties. After discussing the matter, a motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the request as presented.

4. Trinity Support Services – Carla Yopp advise the committee that Trinity started serving clients in M/HC on August 1. She requested approval to serve these clients from an

office located at 705 Starling Avenue in Martinsville. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the change as requested.

## **VI. Other:**

### **a. Affiliate Assessment – Becky Lovell**

Becky reported that she has not received checks from several affiliates for the annual assessment. She reminded those who have not paid that they need to do so as soon as possible. Affiliation can be revoked due to non-payment of the assessment.

### **b. Training Opportunity – Jennifer Kovack**

Jennifer reported that several committee members received training prior to the meeting today.

### **c. Affiliate Reports:**

**Phoenix, LLC** – Ashly Callahan reported that they have no complaints and are serving 44 individuals at this time.

**East Mental Health** – Carol Walker reported they had three reports, one unfounded, one confidentiality that required training and one Peer-to-Peer. They had one complaint that was resolved, and serve 42 individuals.

**Trinity Support Services** – Carla Yopp reported that they had one complaint that the individual was underserved. This complaint was resolved. They are currently serving 30 clients in M/HC and seven in Rocky Mount.

**Claye Corporation** – Tameki Tarpley reported that they had two Peer-to-Peer incidents and one complaint, all of which have been resolved.

**Nu-Zoe Ministries, Inc.** – Pastor Milton Johnson reported that they recently had a walk through visit.

**Life Stages** – Torry Morris reported that they have had no complaints are currently serving 38 clients.

**Upside to Youth** – Richard Roman reported that they have had no complaints.

**Goodwill of the Valleys** – Lynda Edghill reported that they have had peer-to-peer incidents that have been resolved and no other complaints. They are serving 24 individuals.

**Intercept Youth Services** – Jennifer Sherman reported that they have 20 clients and no incidents to report.

**MPowering Kids** – Vicki Adams that they have had no complaints.

**United Support Services** – Maria Hodge reported that they had one report involving an in-home restraint (physical hold) and served 9 children in their TDT Summer Program.

**EHS Support Services** – Mary Laughinghouse reported that they have had no incidents and currently serve 75 clients.

**Support Systems** – Amy Nunley reported that they have had no reports of abuse/neglect.

**It's About Time** – Sue Ann Arbee reported that they have had no complaints and serve one client at this time.

**Patrick County Development Center** – Penny Belcher reported that they have 13 clients and no complaints.

**Stepping Stones** – Pam Pritchett reported that they have 24 clients and no complaints.

**Pioneer Health** - Cindy Eberhardt reported that they have nine patients and no incidents to report.

**PARC Workshop** – Henry Ayers reported that they had no incidents to report and that PARC is not at capacity at this time.

**Mayo Residential** – Mary Menafee reported that have no complaints to report and serve five consumers.

**Hope Tree** – Jennifer DeLorenzo reported that they have an opening for one in their Martinsville Group Home. They serve 5 mail clients at their Blue Ridge Home and have one opening there. They had one peer-to-peer incident, two serious injury reports and one complaint that has been resolved. She introduced Chad Colley who is new with Hope Tree.

**National Counseling** – Joseph Pratt introduced himself as the new director for National Counseling. He had no incidents to report. They serve approximately 50 clients at this time.

**Family Preservation** – Jean Odachowski reported that they serve 120 clients in three programs. They had no incidents to report and recently reported one death.

**Blue Ridge Counseling** – Sherry Wilson reported that they had no peer-to-peer incidents to report and recently celebrated their first anniversary in business. During the summer program they had two health issues, one broken arm and one child was taken by ambulance to get checked out. She reported that Patrick County Schools started today.

### **VIII. Upcoming Meeting Dates – Nancy Davis**

**November 13, 2012- 4:00 – 6:00 pm** – Meeting will be at New College Institute, Room 303, if it is available. This location works better due to the increased number of attendees. Becky will check on availability and confirm the location in meeting information that will be sent for the November 13 meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Becky Lovell