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LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING

New College Institute, Martinsville, VA
November 13, 2012 – 4:00 P.M.

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

OTHERS ATTENDING: Jeannie Odachowski, Family Preservation Services, Sherry Cowan, Blue Ridge Counseling Services, Joseph Pratt and Anna Caldwell, National Counseling Group, Lois Barbour and Cynthia Eberhardt, Pioneer Outpatient Behavioral Health, Mary Menefee and Dianne Hairston, Mayo Residential, LLC, Donald Wheeler, ATIBA, Vicki Adams, MPowering Kids, Donna Hodges, Trinity Support Services, Beth Snyder, United Support Services, Pamela Pritchett, Stepping tones, Penny Belcher, Patrick County Developmental Center, Henry Ayers, PARC Workshop, Inc., Sheryl Zerbe, Community Alternatives VA, Tomeki Tarpley, Claye Corporation, Leah Riddle, Memorial Hospital, Jennifer Sherman, Intercept Youth Services, Rochelle Potter and Ashley Callahan, Phoenix LLC, Carol Walker, East Mental Health, Patricia Pendleton, Hope Tree Family Services, Torey Morris, Life Stages, Inc., Danny Totten, Life Stages, Inc., Lynda Edghill, Good Will Industries of the Valleys, Victor Rivera, Support Systems, Mary Laughinghouse, EHS, and Robert Bombo, Upside to Youth.

LHRC MEMBERS ABSENT: Linda Smith

I. Call to Order - Rhonda Stone

Committee Vice Chairman Rhonda Stone called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

II. Approval of August 14, 2012 Minutes – Rhonda Stone

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

Nancy Davis arrived at the meeting and took over leadership from Rhonda Stone.

III Regional Advocate’s Report – Jennifer Kovack

a. Peer-to-Peer Incident Reporting – Critical Incidents are “subjective”. Call Jennifer with any questions or discussion. Jennifer also gave the following review on Peer-to-Peer Incidents:

- Both parties must be consumers
- Reviews can be handled internally
- The primary purpose of peer-to-peer reporting is neglect
- Other advocates are police, APS, etc. Department of Behavioral Health is interested in what happens in a program.

- Was there a way the Peer-to-Peer incident could have been prevented?
- If one of the consumers involved is injured or neglected – it needs to be reported to Social Services APS.
- SS will determine if there needs to be an investigation.
- An internal investigation may be necessary.
- Send Peer-to-Peer Incident Reports to Jennifer Kovack.
- Send reports by fax until email can be more confidential and safe.
- Jennifer is available to help with staff training on peer-to-peer incidents.

b. The Department of Justice made an agreement with the State to begin the START Program that assists individuals in crisis. Jennifer will get someone to come to provide information about the START Program. This program serves individuals over 18 in Martinsville and the counties of Henry, Patrick and Franklin. START will not need to get affiliated in this area because they are already affiliated in New River Valley.

IV. CSB Activities – Ron Hairston

a. Piedmont’s Community Recovery Program (CRP) will have an open house at “The Landing”, 214 Starling Avenue, on Wednesday, November 28, 4-6:00 pm. “The Landing” is a home for men in recovery, and currently has three residents. The CRP helps these individuals secure jobs in the community. The residents are responsible for paying rent and expenses at the home and can live there up to 18 months.

V. Affiliation Requests:

1. Torey Morris with Life Stages reported that they already provide mental health support services in this area and are requesting that their affiliation be expanded to include the South Boston and Halifax County areas. They are located at 1079 Spruce Street in Martinsville and have been in business there for one year and have 12 employees. A motion was made by Sharon Shepherd to approve Life Stages’ request as presented. The motion was seconded and received a unanimous vote to approve the request.

2. Angela Porter with National Counseling requested to add Behavioral Treatment Services for children. They have been in business for five years in Martinsville and serve Martinsville, Danville and the counties of Henry, Patrick Franklin and Pittsylvania. The additional services will be provided out of their Martinsville Office. A motion as was to approve National Counseling’s request to expand services. The motion received a second and a unanimous approval.

3. Jennifer Sherman with Intercept Youth Services requested to expand their affiliation to include Crisis Intervention Services within the region. A motion was made to approve this request. The motion received a second and unanimous approval by the committee. Jennifer reported that they have located at 725 Church Street, Suite 5A, Lynchburg, VA.

4. Vicki Adams requested to expand services to include Intensive In-Home Services in South Boston/Halifax County, Franklin County and in Lynchburg. They serve individuals under the age of 18 and have a staff of ten. A motion was made to approve this request. The motion received a second and a unanimous vote of approval followed.

5. Sheryl Zerbe of Community Alternatives Virginia, ResCare requested a transfer of affiliation from the Claye Corporation. They have purchased Claye Corporation and will continue to offer residential services. They have an office in Forest, Virginia and serve 80

consumers, and have been in business since 1989. A motion was made to transfer this affiliation as requested. The motion received a second and a unanimous vote followed.

VI. Other:

a. Nancy Davis reported that Linda Smith has resigned from the committee due to family commitments. The resignation was accepted and the committee will begin recruiting for a new member.

b. Affiliate Reports:

Family Preservation – Jean Odachowski reported that they are continuing with day treatments and are looking for qualified staff to work with children.

Phoenix, LLC – Rochell Potter reported that they have 81 clients and no incidents to report.

East Mental Health – Carol Walker reported that they have had no incidents.

Trinity Support Services – Donna Hodges reported that they have had no incidents to report.

Claye Corporation/ResCare– Tomeki Tarpley reported that they have 80 clients and have had two peer-to-peer incidents.

Memorial Hospital – Leah Riddle reported that they had one peer-to-peer incident.

Life Stages – Torey Morris reported that they have had no incidents.

Upside to Youth – Richard Bombo reported that they had no incidents.

Goodwill of the Valleys – Lynda Edghill reported that Goodwill serves 24 clients and had one peer-to-peer incident and neglect was not founded. Goodwill recently received a Kovar grant for the purchase of equipment.

Intercept Youth Services – Jennifer Sherman reported that they serve 24 clients and have no incidents to report. They provide crisis stabilization services and recently were audited. Their results are not known yet.

MPOWERING Kids – Vicki Adams reported that they have had no reportable incidents.

United Support Services – Beth Snyder reported that they have had no incidents to report.

EHS Support Services – Mary Laughinghouse reported that they have had no incidents.

Support Systems – Victor Rivera reported that Support Systems has 50 clients and no incidents to report.

Patrick County Development Center – Penny Belcher reported that they serve 14 clients and have had no incidents.

Stepping Stones – Pam Pritchett reported that they have had no incidents to report.

Pioneer Health - Cynthia Eberhardt reported that they have 13 clients and no incidents to report.

PARC Workshop – Henry Ayers reported that they have no dollars to sponsor additional participants and had no incidents to report.

Mayo Residential – Mary Menefee reported that Mayo is serving five individuals. They have had one Peer-to-Peer incident and two complaints which have all been resolved.

Hope Tree – Patricia Pendleton reported that they have no incidents to report. They have one opening in their home.

National Counseling – Joe Pratt reported that it is hard to find qualified staff. They have no incidents to reports and serve 69 clients.

Blue Ridge Counseling – Sherry Cowan that they continue to provide services to two schools in Patrick County and reported that it is hard to find employees with adequate clinical experience. They have had no peer-to-peer incidents to report.

ATIBA – Donald Wheeler reported that they have not had any incidents to report.

VIII. Upcoming Meeting Dates – Nancy Davis

The following meetings were scheduled for 2013:

February 12, 2013 (Snow date - February 26)

May 14, 2013 – Annual Committee Appreciation Dinner (Dutch Inn if available)

August 13, 2013

November 19, 2013

Becky will check with New College regarding the availability of Room 303 for the February 12, August 13 and November 19 meetings. She will also contact the Dutch Inn to schedule the May 14 Annual Appreciation Dinner.

Respectfully submitted by:

Becky Lovell