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LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING
New College Institute - Martinsville, VA
February 11, 2014 – 4:00 P.M.

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

OTHERS ATTENDING: Pamela Pritchett, Stepping Stones, Sherry Cowan, Blue Ridge Counseling Services, Cynthia Eberhardt, Pioneer Outpatient Behavioral Health, Jeannie Odachowski, Family Preservation Services, Glenda Pollard, Hope Tree Family Services, Torey Morris, Life Stages, Tammy Furrow, It's About Time, Inc., Jenny Brummitt, EHS Support Services, Stephanie Motley, ATIBA Youth Interventions, Rochelle Potter and Ashley Callahan, Phoenix, LLC, Carol Walker, East Mental Health, Bruce Duncan, Victor Rivera and Traketa Wade, Support Systems, LLC, Dianne Hairston, Mayo Residential, LLC, Cynthia Bradford, Community Alternatives VA, Debbie Menefee, MPowering Kids Mentoring, Tammy Solari, United Support Services, Lynda Edghill, Goodwill Industries, Leah Riddle, Memorial Hospital of Martinsville, Mike Morris and Krista Mobley, Mainstream Mental Health Services, Joseph Pratt, National Counseling Group, Henry Ayers, PARC Workshop, Inc., Shelby Finch and Loren Redd, Branches of Hope MHSS, Virginia Byrd and Tim Hairston, Upside to Youth, Stephanie Bakely, Strengthening Our System, Becky Lovell, Bonita Vipperman, Teresa Hooper and Ron Hairston, Piedmont Community Services, and Beth Lee and Mandy Crowder, Office of Human Rights/DBHDS.

LHRC MEMBERS ABSENT: Sharon Shepherd

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

II. Introduction of new Human Rights Advocate – Beth Lee

Beth Lee introduced Mandy Crowder, our new advocate. Jennifer Kovack, who has been serving as our advocate, has accepted another job with the Department of Behavioral Health. Becky Lovell has distributed Mandy's contact information to all the LHRC affiliates. According to Beth, Beverly Garnes will continue as the Regional Advocate.

III. Approval of the November 16, 2013 Minutes – Nancy Davis

Upon reviewing the minutes from the November 16, 2013 meeting, Jim Rountree made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion received a second and a unanimous vote of approval followed.

IV. Advocate's Report – Beth Lee

a. Recruitment – Beth advised that the LHRC is currently filled; however, there are three LHRC committee members, Dr. James E. Rountree, Sharon Hooker and Rhonda Stone, currently are serving terms that expire June 30 and are eligible for reappointment for an additional term. They all agreed to serve another term and submitted completed Reappointment Applications to Beth and Mandy. Nancy Davis' term also expires June 30;

however, she is not eligible to serve an additional term. Beth asked for recommendations of persons willing to serve on the LHRC and stressed the importance of having a full committee.

b. Beth gave some additional information regarding CHRIS reporting. According to Beth, if your computer or the CHRIS system goes down, you will need to continue reporting by using the old forms. In order to comply with the 24-hour reporting requirement, you will need to fax in your reports.

V. Affiliation Requests:

a. Strengthening Our System, Inc. – Stephanie Bakely requested to expand mental health support services to provide skill building and in-home services in the Martinsville/Henry, Patrick and Franklin county areas. She advised that they have completed licensure requirements to make this request. Their office is located in Floyd and they do not have plans to open an office in this area at this time. Strengthening Our System provides in-home and mental health services to children and adults. They have 88 clients. A motion was made to approve Strengthening Our System’s request as presented. The motion received a second and a unanimous approval vote followed.

b. Main Stream Mental Health Services, Inc. – Krista Mobley requested expand services to include mental health skill-building in Franklin County. Krista explained that they have one client in Franklin County and do not plan to open an office there. This client recently moved to Franklin County and has requested Main Stream to continue providing services. Main Stream is located in Daleville, just north of Roanoke. A motion was made to approve this request as presented. The motion received a second and a unanimous approval vote followed.

c. Support Systems, LLC – Bruce Duncan with Support Systems requested to expand crisis intervention services in Martinsville/Henry County for persons with Axis I diagnosis to prevent hospitalization. They are currently providing services in Danville and Lynchburg. A motion was made to approve this request as presented. The motion received a second and a unanimous approval followed.

VI. Other:

a. Bonita Vipperman, Quality Assurance Manager for PCS, responded to a question regarding services to persons without medical insurance. She advised that PCS provides services regardless of a person’s ability to pay. They do, however, have to meet the criteria for assessment.

b. Several affiliates reported that they continue to have problems with recent Magellan changes.

c. Beth Lee provided the required annual Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) training for LHRC members immediately following the meeting. During the training, she reviewed the information in the attached FOIA PowerPoint presentation.

VII. Affiliate reports:

Family Preservation – Jeannie Odachowski reported that Family Preservation provides Therapeutic Day Support services in Martinsville and the counties of Henry, Patrick and Franklin. They have not had any incidents, complaints or use or restraints to report.

National Counseling – Joe Pratt reported that they have had no incident reports, complaints or restraints.

It’s About Time – Tammy Furrow reported that they have had no complaints, incidents or restraints.

Pioneer Health Services – Cynthia Eberhardt reported that they have had no incidents. They currently serve 11 patients.

Main Street – Krista Mobley reported that they are new to this LHRC and have nothing to report.

MPOWERING Kids – Debbie Menefee reported that they have nothing to report.

Piedmont Community Services – Ron Hairston reported that PCS had one hearing ant that found in favor of PCS; however, it has been appealed to the state human rights committee.

Stepping Stones – Pam Pritchett reported that they had one peer-to-peer incident and no other reports.

PARC – Henry Ayers reported that they have had no incidents to report.

Patrick County Development Center – Henry Ayers advised the committee that Penny Belcher had an emergency and could not attend the meeting. She asked him to report in her absence that they have not had any incidents to report.

Blue Ridge Counseling – Sherry Cowan reported that they have no incidents to report.

Mayo Residential – Diane Hairston reported that they have had no incidents to report. They currently serve five individuals.

Support Systems, Inc. – Victor Rivera reported that they have nothing to report.

Hope Tree Family Services – Glenda Pollard reported that they provide residential services in Martinsville and Bedford. They have no restraints, complaints of incidents to report.

Goodwill Industries of the Valley – Lynda Edghill reported that they have 29 participants and had one peer-to-peer incident.

EHS Support Services – Jennie Brummitt reported that they have had no incidents.

Community Alternatives – Cynthia Bradford reported that they had one allegation of neglect to report.

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

Phoenix, LLC. – Ashley Callahan and Rochelle Potter reported that they have had no complaints or other matters to report.

United Support Services – Tammy Solari reported that they have not had any complaints.

Upside to Youth – Virginia Byrd reported that they have 26 clients and nothing to report.

Memorial Hospital of Martinsville – Leah Riddle reported that they have had no complaints.

Branches of Hope – Loren Redd reported that they have had no complaints.

ATIBA – Stephanie Motley reported that they have no incidents to report.

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

VII. Upcoming LHRC Meeting Dates:

May 13, 2014 – Rania’s Restaurant, 4:00 pm, (Meeting & Annual Appreciation Dinner – dutch treat for affiliates, RSVP required)

August 12, 2014, 4:00 pm, New College Institute, Room 303

November 18, 2014, 4:00 pm, New College Institute, Room 303

Respectfully submitted by:

Becky Lovell