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MINUTES
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING

February 8, 2011 – 4:00 P.M.
24 Clay Street, Martinsville, VA

LHRC MEMBERS ATTENDING: Aleen Wilson, Sharon Shepherd, Jerri Crews and Rhonda Stone

OTHERS ATTENDING: Lewis Walton – East Mental Health, Arthur Peebles – ATIBA Youth Intervention Services, Debbie Powell – United Support Services, Tammy Solari and Mark Solari – United Support Services, Kyle Memahen – Intercept Youth Services, Sherry Cowan and Sharon Wilson – Blue Ridge Counseling Services, Randi Bauder and Jessica Moricle – EHS Support Services; Linda Mayo – Mayo Residential, LLC, Vicki Adams – Mpowering Kids, Sonia Herron and Jeannie Odachowski - – Family Preservation Services, Bobbie Jo Seamster – National Counseling Group, Will Childers and Jenny DeLorenzo – HopeTree Family Services, Jennifer Oakes and Mitzi Tuck – It’s About Time, Inc., Sandra Tolliver, Bryon Bain, Brandon Hudson and Robert Gay – Upside to Youth Development, Cynthia Eberhardt and Ann McConnell, RN – Pioneer Health, Henry Ayers – PARC Workshop, Ron Hairston and Becky Lovell - Piedmont Community Services, Sherry Miles – OHR.

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Potter, Gail Ross and Nancy Davis

I. Welcome new LHRC members – Aleen Wilson

II. Approval of November 16, 2010 minutes – Aleen Wilson

The minutes from the November 16, 2010 meeting were approved as presented.

III. CSB Activities – Becky Lovell

a. Ron Hairston was introduced as the new Director of Human Resources for Piedmont Community Services. Ron has been employed at PCS since December 8 and will be the PCS liaison to the LHRC. Ron has an extensive background in Human Resources Management.

b. Becky reported that construction on the new group home located on West Church Street in Rocky Mount is going well and it should be completed in the early spring. Several residents from Herrick House will move to the new facility. No plans have been announced for the future of that facility.

IV. Regional Advocate’s Report – Sherry Miles

a. Sherry reported that Didlake, a day support program provider located in Rocky Mount, has closed. Rising Opportunities was unsuccessful in their attempt to take this program over and continue services. Case Managers are trying to find other providers for placements for the 14 consumers receiving services from Didlake.

b. The State Human Rights Committee has put into place some mandated changes that are effective July 1. These changes affect fees and affiliate support to the LHRC. Sherry handed out the following items outlining the changes to both committee members and affiliates for review:

1. Memorandum dated January 10, 2011 from Christina Delzingaro, SHRC
2. LHRC Bylaws
3. Memorandum dated May 4, 2005 from Joyce E. Bozeman, SHRC
4. Region VI Coverage Area
5. Summary of Advocate Comments
6. LHRC and Affiliated Provider Cooperative Agreement

The Committee will meet prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting to review the above mentioned documents and to make the necessary decisions. All affiliated programs will be requested to attend the next regularly scheduled meeting for review of the documents and to gain their input on issues affecting them.

c. Sherry led a discussion regarding the importance of thorough documentation. She used an example of a consumer taking a packed lunch to a day support program. The day program can say that the consumer was not provided sufficient food for the day and there will be no proof to dispute this claim if there is no documentation in the file at either the home or day support. She suggested that everyone work on including more details in their documentation.

d. Sherry asked the affiliates to provide her with a list of future training needs.

V. Affiliation Requests

a. United Support Services – Tammy Solari

Tammy Solari reported that she and her husband, Mark, own United Support Services that provides mental health supports, therapeutic day treatment and intensive in-home services. They are seeking approval to provide services in the Piedmont region. They plan to open an office in Franklin County. Debbie Powell, a licensed professional, was introduced and will work in the Franklin County area. They have a waiting list of 40-50 consumers needing services. United Support Services was licensed in 2008 and provides services in the New River Valley area.

A motion was made, seconded and received a unanimous vote to extend affiliation to United Support Services, LLC, to provide mental health supports, therapeutic day treatment and intensive in-home.

Family Preservation Services – Jeannie Odachowski

Jeannie requested that Family Preservation Services' affiliation be extended to include services in Patrick County to cover Head Start (ages 3-5). They have a location on Wayside Road.

A motion was made, seconded and received a unanimous vote to approve this request as presented.

b. Upside to Youth – Brandon Hudson

Brandon requested that their affiliation be expanded to include therapeutic day treatment in Martinsville/Henry County school systems. He reported that they have 11 active clients in Martinsville/Henry County and five employees. A motion was made, seconded and

received a unanimous vote to approve the addition of therapeutic day treatment in the Martinsville/Henry school systems.

VI. Affiliate Reports:

PARC – Henry Ayers reported no changes in this program. Recent bad weather has affected participation in his program.

Intercept Youth Services – Kyle Memahen reported that Intercept Youth Services is looking to hire additional staff. They currently serve 5-10 families in Franklin and Pittsylvania counties.

MPowering Kids – Vicki Adams reported that they have 15 clients and no changes.

Mayo Residential – Linda Mayo reported that they have five consumers and no program changes. She also expressed her appreciation for all the support during her recent illness.

Family Preservation – Sonia Herron (Franklin County) reported that they currently have 24 Therapeutic Day Treatment Counselors, two licensed professionals and three in-home staff. They serve approximately 100 consumers.

EHS – Jessica Moricle reported that EHS has 140 clients in the counties of Henry, Franklin and Pittsylvania. They have recently had one complaint regarding a breach of confidentiality.

National Counseling – Bobbie Jo Seamster reported that they have over 600 employees statewide. They have 15 counselors, 40 mental health cases and 10-15 in-home clients and are continuing to grow locally. They are looking for a larger facility in the M/HC area.

Family Preservation - Jeannie Odachowski (Martinsville/Henry County) – reported that they have 40 counselors in three school systems, three full-time intensive in-home workers and two full-time mental health support workers.

Upside to Youth – Sandra Tolliver reported that they had an unexpected review recently from Office of Licensing and Office of Human Rights and it went well. They plan to hire more staff.

East Mental Health – Lewis Walton reported that they have ten consumers and no incidents to report. They currently employ one counselor, two QMHPs, one licensed individual and a receptionist.

It's About Time – Jennifer Oakes reported that It's About Time recently had an incident involving a fall that required no medical treatment.

Hope Tree Family Services – Jenny DeLorenzo reported that they have one group home in Martinsville and that they have two vacancies there. They also provide respite services. Hope Tree recently had one critical incident.

Pioneer Health – Cynthia Eberhardt reported that Pioneer Health currently has seven patients. They also had an on-site visit recently from Office of Licensing and Office of Human Rights. She had no incidents to report.

Blue Ridge Counseling – Sharon Wilson provides services to two schools in Patrick County. She had no incidents to report.

ATIBA – Arthur Peebles reported that ATIBA has nine active clients in the Danville area. They are currently seeking licensure for day treatment services.

VII. Upcoming LHRC Meeting Dates:

The upcoming meeting dates were changed to allow an opportunity for the LHRC Committee to meet to discuss the recent SHRC mandated changes. Meeting dates are as follows:

March 8 – 3:30 – at PCS – LHRC members only. LHRC members were asked to review the handouts and be prepared for discussion at the March 8 meeting.

May 3 – 4:00 pm – at PCS – Regular meeting for the LHRC committee and affiliates to discuss mandated changes. It is very important that each affiliate have a representative at this meeting and that they review the handouts provided at the February 8 meeting prior to this meeting.

August 9 – 4:00 pm – at Dutch Inn – Meeting and Annual LHRC Appreciation Dinner.

November 15, 2011, 4-6:00 pm, 24 Clay Street

Respectfully submitted by:

Becky Lovell