

MINUTES
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING
New College Institute - Martinsville, VA
May 13, 2014 – 4:00 P.M.

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

OTHERS ATTENDING: Henry Ayers, PARC Workshop, Inc., Penny Belcher, Patrick County Developmental Center, Pamela Pritchett, Stepping Stones, Amanda Estep, Blue Ridge Counseling Services, Lois Barbour, Pioneer Outpatient Behavioral Health, Jeannie Odachowski, Family Preservation Services, Janet Hodges and Glenda Pollard, Hope Tree Family Services, Jessica Rill, United Support 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, Mindi Perry and Tenessa Hairston, Trinity Support Services, Victor Rivera, Support Systems, LLC, Dianne Hairston, Mayo Residential, LLC, Ann Merritt, Community Alternatives VA, Mary Mack, Praises Mental Health Services, Inc. Deborah Menefee, MPowering Kids, Joseph Pratt, National Counseling Group, Shelby Finch & James S. Esters, Branches of Hope, LLC, Leah Riddle, Memorial Hospital of Martinsville, Krista C. Mobley, Mainstream Mental Health, Becky Lovell, Kim Holland, Kathy Hutchens and Ron Hairston, Piedmont Community Services, and Mandy Crowder and Beverly Garnes Kovack, Office of Human Rights/DBHDS.

LHRC MEMBERS ABSENT: Sharon Hooker and Nancy Davis

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

II. Approval of the February 11, 2014 Minutes – Rhonda Stone

After reviewing and discussing the minutes from the February 11, 2014 meeting, a motion was made to approve the minutes as presented. The motion received a second and a unanimous vote of approval followed.

III. Regional Advocate's Report – Mandy Crowder

a. On behalf of the LHRC, Mandy expressed her appreciation for Nancy Davis' service on the LHRC since July 2008. Nancy served two full terms and also served as committee chairman. Her term expires June 30 and she is not eligible to be reappointed at this time. Nancy was unable to attend today's meeting. Mandy has a Certificate of Appreciation for Nancy and Becky will make sure she gets this.

IV. Other:

a. LHRC Committee Recruitment – Rhonda Stone

Rhonda reported that Jim Potter has expressed an interest in serving on the LHRC; however, he could not be at this meeting because he is out of town. He will complete the

application, return it and plan to be at the next meeting (August 12) to be interviewed. Jim previously served on the LHRC and has not served on the committee for a period of over two years.

b. Affiliate Assessments for the 2014/15 Year

Becky reported that the LHRC Committee has assessed affiliates an annual assessment fee of \$125 for the past several years. This assessment helps to pay for clerical time and for expenses such as coping, paper and the Annual Appreciation for LHRC members. She recommended that the LHRC assessment remain the same (\$125) for the 2014/15 year. In order not to have to request an increase, she asked that affiliates respond in a timely matter to requests such as assessment invoices and meeting reservations in order to conserve her time. She also reminded affiliates that there is a deadline of two weeks before scheduled meetings to get everything (licensure and human rights requirements) in to be able to be included on the agenda. Making these requests at the last minutes causes unnecessary interruptions for both our advocate and Becky that can be avoided. Becky will send out invoices in June. Assessments are due July 1 and should be received no later than July 15.

c. Affiliate Reports:

Khristy Mobley, Mainstream Mental Health, reported that a consumer they are serving lost Medicaid and was discharged.

Kim Holland, Piedmont Community Services, reported that they agency has completed the necessary paperwork through licensure to add three schools to case management services.

Tammy Furrow, It's About Time, reported that they currently serve eight individuals and have had no complaints.

Jeannie Odachowski, Family Preservation Services, reported that they had two complaints, one dealing with confidentiality and one involving restraint. They also had two peer-to-peer incidents in a high school.

Ron Hairston, Piedmont Community Services, reported that a family member of a consumer made a formal complaint regarding services that resulted in a LHRC hearing that found in favor of PCS. The family filed an appeal with the SHRC and they too found in favor of PCS. Kathy Hutchens, Human Resources Assistant with PCS, introduced herself and was a guest today.

Deborah Menefee, MPowering Kids, reported that they have had no complaints.

Pam Pritchett, Stepping Stones, reported the they have had no complaints.

Penny Belcher, Patrick County Developmental Center, reported that they currently serve 15 individuals and have no incidents to report.

Henry Ayers, PARC, reported that they operate a day support work program in Patrick County and have had no incidents to report.

Lois Barbour, Pioneer Health Services, reported that they are serving 12 clients and have no incidents to report.

Amanda Estep, Blue Ridge Counseling, reported that they have no incidents to report.

Joe Pratt, National Counseling, reported that they have had no incidents to report. Joe also reported that National Counseling will soon be moving from their current location on Ellsworth Street to a location in the Patrick Henry Mall, 730 E. Church Street, Suite 24.

Jenny Brummitt, EHS, reported that they have closed their Rocky Mount site and combined everything with their office in Lynchburg.

Jessica Rill, United Support Services, reported that they serve 26 individuals and are extending services to include day treatment services at Goodview Elementary and two additional schools in Bedford.

Rochelle Potter, Phoenix, reported that they have no complaints to report. They now intend to provide outpatient counseling services at their office located at 235 Claiborne Avenue.

Carol Walker, East Mental Health, reported that they serve two clients, one of which has self-injurious behavior. She also reported that a staff member and client were involved in a motor accident. Staff was not at fault. The client was sent to the ER and discharged.

Dianne Hairston, Mayo Residential, reported that they serve five individuals and have had no incidents to report.

Leah Riddle, Memorial Hospital, reported that they have had no incidents or restraints to report.

Glenda Pollard residential manager for Martinsville and Bedford locations, HopeTree Family Services, reported that she had no complaints or allegations to report.

Mary Mack, Praises MHS, reported that she had nothing to report.

Stephanie Motley, ATIBA, had nothing to report.

Victor Rivera, Support Systems, Inc., had no incidents to report.

Torey Morris, Life Stages, Inc., had no incidents to report.

Shelby Finch, Branches of Hope MMSS, reported that they had no incidents to report.

Mindi Perry, Trinity Support Services, reported that they serve 44 clients and had no incidents to report. They are located at 32 Bridge Street in Martinsville.

d. Slate of Officers for 2014/15 Year

Rhonda Stone announced that the following LHRC members have agreed to serve as officers for the 2014/15 year and made the following nominations:

Chairman – Rhonda Stone

Nancy Sprinkle - Vice Chair

Sharon Shepherd - Secretary

A motion was made to approve this slate of officers for the 2014/15 year and the motion received a second. A unanimous vote of approval followed.

V. Executive Session

Sharon Shepherd moved that the LHRC go into closed session pursuant to VA Code 2.2-3711 for the purpose of protecting the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business.

A consumer behavioral plan for CW was submitted to the LHRC for review and consideration today. After hearing all pertinent information regarding the plan and after considering the impact and potential benefits of the plan, a motion was made to approve the behavioral plan as presented and a unanimous approval followed. Vee Gross, case manager for PCS, was asked to attend the August 12 LHRC to give an update on the progress related to this behavioral plan.

A motion to reconvene the LHRC into public session was made. The motion received a second and a unanimous vote followed. Each member individually stated “I so certify” that to the best of their knowledge only matter lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements were heard, discussed or considered.

VI. Upcoming LHRC Meeting Dates:

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

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

LHRC committee members, affiliates, Mandy Crowder, Becky Lovell, Ron Hairston and Beverly Garnes attended the LHRC Annual Appreciation Dinner at Rania's Restaurant.

Respectfully submitted by:

Becky Lovell