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LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING
New College Institute - Martinsville, VA
November 15, 2016 – 4:00 P.M.

LHRC MEMBERS ATTENDING: Sharon Hooker, Jim Rountree, Jim Potter, Nancy Sprinkle and Davin Estep.

OTHERS ATTENDING: Valerie Udofia, Life Stages; Jean Odachowski, Family Preservation; Clarence Shelton, Love and Happiness; Mary Menefee, Mayo Residential, LLC; Cynthia Bradford, Community Alternatives VA (ResCare); Tina McClain, Choices Family Services LLC; Sherry Cowan, Blue Ridge Counseling; Antonio McClendon and David Hamilton, Calm Source, LLC, Ryan Hatch, National Counseling Group; Miesha Dawson, Trinity Support Services; Laura Steere, Infinity Acres Ranch, Karen White, Innovative Family Service; Donna Hodges, Memorial Hospital of Martinsville; Raymond Tayag, Branches of Hope, Krista Mobley and Kristine Benson, MMHS; Lorie Bixby, ATIBA; Becky Lovell, Ron Hairston, Julia Campbell, Shannon Clark and Alissa Hunley, Piedmont Community Services, and Mandy Crowder, Human Rights Advocate.

LHRC MEMBERS ABSENT: None

I. Call to Order – Nancy Sprinkle, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. after verifying that a quorum was present.

II. Approval of August 9, 2016 minutes

Upon reviewing the minutes from the August 9, 2016 meeting, Jim Rountree made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Jim Potter seconded the motion and a unanimous vote of approval followed.

IV. Advocate’s Report – Mandy Crowder

a. Mandy reported that the revised regulations have not been signed by the governor. She hopes this will be done by the end of the year. She advised the LHRC committee that they will need to schedule another meeting in February 2017.

The State Human Rights Committee has approved the consolidation of the Danville, Southside and PCS Human Rights Committees. The combined LHRC will meet at the Southern Virginia Mental Health Hospital in Danville. There will be more information to follow in regards to the consolidation of the LHRC.

The Attorney General’s office will provide training and information on the regulations and changes.

Mandy reported that Dwayne Lynch has been transferred to a Licensure Specialist position and is currently being trained. He was previously an advocate in Catawba. Mandy and other advocates are covering the Catawba area. They plan to begin interviewing the first of December and hope to have a replacement by the end of the year.

Affiliates were advised that some reports cannot be printed in CHRIS. They are working to correct this problem. You do need to make a report even if you have nothing to report. This will not be required after the new regulations take effect. If the CHRIS reporting systems is down and you can access the program, Mandy asked that you email her to let her know that the system is down (if you have encrypted email).

This area is in Region 3 catchment area. Jennifer Kovack is the Regional Manager for this area.

Affiliates will not be required to attend quarterly meetings after the new regulations are in place. You will not need to come to a meeting to add a new location but you will need to come for a new service.

IV. Affiliation Requests:

a. Pathways – Jean Odachowski – Jean requested to add outpatient counseling at a new services location at 32 Bridge Street, Suite 100, Martinsville. They have submitted their request to licensing and are waiting for approval. They will have one licensed full-time counselor and two residents in counseling and other key licensed persons will be on site while billing is done. They will do some less intensive step-down services before discharging a client. They will continue to do TDT services in area schools. A motion was made to approve this request and the motion received a second. A unanimous vote of approval followed.

b. Piedmont Community Services – Alissa Hunley – Alissa requested to add mental health case management services at Drewry Mason Elementary School. Other services are already being provided at this location. This service is already being offered at other schools. This request is to add a location not a service so the request does not require a vote.

c. Calm Source – Art CcClendon – Art requested to add PSR (psychosocial rehabilitation) services at their location at 701 Patton Street, Danville. They have one staff to provide services to potentially five clients starting in December. Their current office location is 104 E. Main Street in Danville. No vote is required because they are not adding a new service, only a new location.

V. Other:

a. Affiliate reports:

Blue Ridge Counseling – Sherry Cowan had nothing to report.

ATIBA – Lori Bixby had nothing to report.

Pathways – Jean Odachowski had nothing to report.

Memorial Hospital of Martinsville – Donna Hodges reported that they had a patient to commit suicide within thirty days of discharge. It happened at the patient's residence.

Community Alternatives – Cindy Bradford reported that they had three incidents to report, (1) an individual attempted to harm themselves by jumping out of the van while it was moving. The client went to Southern Virginia Mental Health Hospital and was discharged from program, (2) a client tripped over a chair and cut his head (not hospitalized), and (3) two staff in group home let a client fall to floor and left the client on floor for two hours until the next shift arrived. Neglect was founded and both staff involved were discharged.

Branches of Hope – Raymond Tayag had nothing to report.

Mainstream – Krista Mobley reported that they had two complaints that were investigated and unfounded. These complaints were reported to Mandy Crowder.

Mayo Residential – Mary Menefee had nothing to report.

Love and Happiness – Clarence Shelton had nothing to report.

Choices Family Services – Tina McCain had nothing to report.

Trinity Support Services – Miesha Dawson had nothing to report.

Piedmont Community Services – Ron Hairston reported that his agency had one formal complaint regarding services. This incident was investigated and unfounded. The agency

also had a death of a consumer at a group home that died from choking while unattended. The consumer got a piece of cake and choked on it. Staff was suspended and retrained.
Calm Source, LLC - David Hamilton reported that a family friend attached a client in their home and received minor injury.

Life Stages, Inc. – Valerie Udofia had nothing to report.

National Counseling – Ryan Hatch had nothing to report.

Innovative Family Services – Karen White had nothing to report.

Piedmont Community Services – Shannon Clark reported that a client in a home in Richmond requires a behavioral plan. This was discussed later in the meeting during closed session.

VI. Public Comments

None

VII. Upcoming 2017 LHRC Meeting Dates:

February 21, 2017, 4:00 pm., New College Institute, Room 303

SNOW DATE - February 28, 2017, 4:00 pm., New College Institute, Room 303

VIII. Executive Session – Jim Rountree made a motion that the LHRC go into closed session under Virginia Code 2.2-3711 for the purpose of discussing a behavior plan for a Piedmont Community Services consumer (JB). Davin Estep seconded the motion and a unanimous vote of approval followed. The LHRC went into closed session at approximately 5:05 pm. The client and her group home manager chose not to attend this meeting.

Nancy Sprinkle had to leave the meeting at approximately 5:30 pm at which time Jim Rountree assumed the position of Chairman for the remainder of this meeting. Before exiting the meeting, Nancy certified by stating “I so certify” that up until that time to the best of her knowledge only matters lawfully exempted from open meeting and requirements under VA Code 2.2-3711 were discussed during the closed session. Davin Estep had to leave the meeting at approximately 5:40 pm due to a family emergency and at that time he certified by stating “I so certify” that up until that time to best of his knowledge only matters lawfully exempted from open meeting and requirements under VA Code 2.2-3711 were discussed during the closed session.

At 5:50 pm Jim Potter made a motion to return to public session and Sharon Hooker seconded the motion. A unanimous vote of approval followed. At that time Jim Rountree, Jim Potter and Sharon Hooker certified individually by saying “I so certify” that to the best of their knowledge only matters lawfully exempted from open meeting and requirements under VA Code 2.2-3711 during the closed session.

Vee Gross, PCS ID Case Manager Lead, stated that she would get with all representatives and complete a behavioral plan to bring back to the LHRC for discussion and approval at a special called meeting. She will contact Mandy Crowder and Becky Lovell to secure a date when the plan is completed and approved by all client representatives.

Respectfully submitted by:

Becky Lovell