
MINUTES
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING
September 12, 2006 – 4:00 P.M.
24 Clay Street, Martinsville, VA

ATTENDING: Richard Cobb, Aleen Wilson, Jerri Crews, Gudrun Rapp-Chase, Jerry Womack and Sharon Leftwich.

OTHERS ATTENDING: Patty Thompson and Jennifer Gobble (EHS), Peggy Tunnell (Memorial Hospital), Douglas Jones, George Martin, Diane Exner, and Agnes Edwards (The Lamono Agency), Deborah Spanich (Strategic Therapy Associates), Jenny Mays (Horne Home) Earnest Long and Joseph Mayo, Jr. (Mayo Residential), Richard Wagoner (Claye Corp), Henry Ayers (PARC), Lynda Edghill (Goodwill of the Valleys), Sherry Miles (Regional Advocate), Jim Rountree and Becky Lovell (Piedmont Community Services).

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rob Hiatt, Jim Potter

Richard Cobb brought the meeting to order.

I. Approval of Committee Minutes – Richard Cobb

After reviewing the minutes for the June 6, 2006, meeting, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve them as presented.

II. LHRC Recruitment – Richard Cobb

Richard reported that the SHRC has approved Sharon Leftwich to serve on the LHRC and welcomed her to the committee. Her term will expire June 30, 2009. Sherry will provide training at a later date.

III. CSB Activities – Jim Rountree

Jim reported that PCS recently announced plans to construct a new office facility in Franklin County. The new building will be located on Technology Drive near the YMCA. Committee members received a copy of the PCS newsletter announcing the new facility. Services provided at 139 E. Court Street and 110 Maple Avenue will be combined at the new building. It will take approximately one year to construct.

IV. Regional Advocate's Report – Sherry Miles

- a. Sherry reported that the public hearing for Region 6 for changes in the Human Rights Regulations is October 19, 2006, 4-6:00 p.m at Southern Virginia Mental Hospital. Comments will be limited to three minutes. The changes will be available in 150 days after the public comment period closes and a copy of the 90 page document can be obtained at cohrreg@co.dmhmrzas.virginia.gov

- b. Region 6 has not had many peer-to-peer critical incidents reported. Sherry explained that peer-to-peer incidents involve consumers. These incidents need to be reported.
- c. Sherry reported that Commissioner Reinhart has given permission to suspend the license of adult home providers that are not providing adequate services within three days. This provision was originally used for children's programs.
- d. Jennifer Gobble of EHS Support Services, L. L. C., requested to affiliate with the LHRC. EHS is located in Roanoke and has been in operation over one year. They currently serve 160 clients in the Roanoke area. EHS plans to begin providing a mental health day support program in Rocky Mount (542 Pell Avenue) that will provide emotional health stabilization and in-home services. Their client base includes Rocky Mount, Franklin County, Martinsville and Henry County. They will serve up to 30-day support consumers.

After discussing the matter, a motion was made, seconded and passed to allow EHS Support Services, L.L. C. to affiliate with the LHRC.
- e. Dr. Richard Wagoner (Claye Corporation) reported that his company has been approved to expand services to provide respite care in their six group homes located on Mica Road in Ridgeway. Claye Corporation will provide short-term respite care for clients only when he has an open bed available. Families usually need respite care on weekends or on a weekly basis.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to add this service to those currently being offered by the Claye Corporation.

V. Annual Affiliate Dues – Becky Lovell

Becky reported that one affiliate has not paid their annual assessment and she has sent a "second notice".

VI. Executive Session

A motion was made and passed that the Piedmont Community Services LHRC go into closed session pursuant to Virginia Code §2.1-344A (15) for the purpose of reviewing and discussing the previously approved behavior plan for KB. This review necessarily involved discussion and consideration of mental and medical records excluded and information excluded from the Freedom of Information Act. Members present were: Richard Cobb, Aleen Wilson, Jerri Crews, Sharon Leftwich, Jerry Womack and Gudrun Rapp-Chase.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to return to open session. The LHRC will be notified by letter of changes made in the behavioral plan for KB, and representatives will meet with the LHRC at the next meeting if necessary.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 5, 2006, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., at Piedmont Community Services.

Respectfully submitted by:

Dr. James E. Rountree, Sr.