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LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING
And ANNUAL APPRECIATION DINNER
Dutch Inn/Quality Inn, Collinsville, VA
May 14, 2013 – 4:00 P.M.

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

OTHERS ATTENDING: Henry Ayers, PARC Workshop, Inc., Penny Belcher, Patrick County Developmental Center, Pamela Pritchett, Stepping Stones, Sherry Cowan, Blue Ridge Counseling Services, Lois Barbour and Cynthia Eberhardt, Pioneer Outpatient Behavioral Health, Jeannie Odachowski, Family Preservation Services, Trish Pendleton and Glenda Pollard, Hope Tree Family Services, Tammy Solari, United Support Services, Torey Morris, Life Stages, Brad Hughston, It's About Time, Inc., Jenny Brummitt, EHS Support Services, Donald Wheeler and Len Wiley, ATIBA Youth Interventions, Rochelle Potter and Ashley Callahan, Phoenix, LLC, Carol Walker, East Mental Health, Kenny Seale, Trinity Support Services, Dale Hamann, Intercept Youth Services, Carol Harris, Support Systems, LLC, Mary Menefee, Mayo Residential, LLC, Tameki Tarpley and Cynthia Bradford, Community Alternatives VA, Lynda Edghill, Goodwill Industries, Joseph Pratt, National Counseling Group, Gramel McGhee and Frederick Mack, Raymond Tagag, Branches of Hope, LLC, Praises MHS, Vicki Adams, MPowering Kids, Becky Lovell, Piedmont Community Services, Ron Hairston, Piedmont Community Services, Jennifer Kovack, Office of Human Rights/DBHDS.

LHRC MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

II. Approval of the February 12, 2013 Minutes - Nancy Davis

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the February 12, 2013 minutes as presented.

III. Regional Advocate's Report – Jennifer Kovack

Jennifer Kovack reported that the community service boards have been using the state's Delta-CHRIS system for reporting critical incidents for a while. Other providers will be required to begin using the new system soon. Jennifer offered her help to anyone who is having problems entering critical incidents. She noted that Peer-to-Peer incidents are reported under the abuse section.

There was some discussion at the February meeting regarding the deadline for agenda items to be submitted in order to be included on the agenda. This matter was held over until the next meeting for further thought and discussion.

According to Becky, information packages are sent to the LHRC committee members approximately two weeks prior to meetings in order to allow adequate time to review everything prior to the meeting without revising the agenda. When agenda items are submitted after the agenda is done, it does not allow committee members ample time to thoroughly review items before the meeting. After discussing the matter, a motion was made to set the deadline for submitting agenda items to two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting. Jennifer must also approve all agenda items before they can be included to assure that all licensure requirements are complete. The motion received a second and a unanimous vote of approval followed.

IV. CSB Activities – Ron Hairston

a. Ron reported that the Suicide Collaborative Group will sponsor a workshop with Dr. Alan Wolfelt, a nationally known author and expert on suicide grief and mourning, on May 21 and 22. On May 21, Dr. Wolfelt will speak at the Rives Theater, 7-9:00 pm. On May 22, a workshop will be held at the Spencer-Penn Centre, 9:00 am. – 3:30 pm. The May 21 event is free and open to the public, and no registration is required. Registration is required for the May 22 workshop and can be made by calling Renee Laparde (632-7128). There is a \$25 charge for the workshop. An informational flyer has been emailed to all affiliates.

b. The 21st Annual Healing Arts Exhibit will take place at Piedmont Arts Association May 10 – June 14. An artist's reception will be held Friday, May 17, 12 Noon – 2:00 pm., at Piedmont Arts Association. The exhibit consists of canvas artwork by consumers in Piedmont's Horizons Psychosocial programs. The theme this year is "Peace, Love & Hope".

V. Affiliation requests:

1. National Counseling Group – Joseph Pratt with National Counseling requested approval to move from a Handle With Care System to CPI (Crisis, Intervention & Institution) behavioral response system. He also requested approval to add a new office at 6000 Boonesboro Road, Suite K, Lynchburg, VA 24053, and to expand services to Lynchburg. After discussing the matter, a motion was made, seconded and received a unanimous vote to approve their requests.

2. Intercept Youth Services - Tammy Solari with Intercept Youth Services requested to add outpatient services in counseling and psychiatric services. After discussing the matter, a motion was made, received a second and a unanimous vote of approval followed.

3. MPowering Youth – Vicki Adams with MPowering Youth requested to locate an office at 136 Franklin Turnpike, Suite 7, Danville, VA. The original request was for a location at 2500 W. Main Street in Danville but was changed. A motion was made to approve the additional office at 135 Franklin Turnpike in Danville. The motion received a second and a unanimous vote of approval followed.

4. EHS Support Services – Jenny Brummitt with EHS requested to add outpatient services in Rocky Mount. A motion was made to approve the request. The motion received a second and a unanimous vote of approval followed.

5. Praises Mental Health Services, Inc. – Camel McGhee advised the committee that she and her husband, Fred McGhee plan to open a new group home for adults with intellectual disabilities on Doe Run Road in the Rocky Mount area. This would be the first of four homes they plan to open. The home would have three beds. Referrals would come from the Central Training Center. She said they plan to have a ratio of 4:1 staff and anticipate the facility opening to be in June pending completion of the licensure process. A

motion was made to approve the request as presented. The motion received a second and a unanimous vote of approval followed.

VII. Other:

a. Nancy Davis reported that Nancy Sprinkle has agreed to serve as a family member on the LHRC. Becky has sent her an application. She was out of town today but plans to be at the August meeting for the committee interview.

b. Affiliate Assessment – Becky Lovell - Over the past several years the LHRC has assessed affiliates \$125 to cover the cost of Becky’s administrative time and supplies. It appears that \$125 is adequate at this time because she is using email more. A motion was made to assess all affiliates \$125 for the 2013/14 fiscal year. The motion received a second and a unanimous vote approving the assessment followed. Becky will send out invoices in the next few weeks. Assessments are due by July 1. If assessments are not paid in a reasonable time frame, affiliates will jeopardize their affiliate status.

c. On behalf of the LHRC, Nancy Davis expressed the committee’s appreciation to Becky Lovell for all her hard work with the LHRC. They also presented her with a gift certificate to show their appreciation.

VII. Upcoming LHRC Meeting Dates:

August 13, 2013 – 4-6:00 pm, New College Institute, Room 303

November 19, 2013 – 4-6:00 pm, New College Institute, Room 303

Respectfully submitted by:

Becky Lovell