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LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING
New College Institute - Martinsville, VA
November 19, 2013 – 4:00 P.M.

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

OTHERS ATTENDING: Penny Belcher, Patrick County Developmental Center, Pamela Pritchett, Stepping Stones, Sherry Cowan, Blue Ridge Counseling Services, Lois Barbour, Pioneer Outpatient Behavioral Health, Jeannie Odachowski and Ann Minnix, Family Preservation Services, Glenda Pollard, Hope Tree Family 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, Trinity Support Services, Dale Hamann, Intercept Youth Services, Victor Rivera and Carol Harris, Support Systems, LLC, Mary Menefee & Dianne Hairston, Mayo Residential, LLC, Ann Merritt, Community Alternatives VA, Vicki Adams, MPowering Kids Mentoring, Tammy Solari, United Support Services, Lynda Edghill, Goodwill Industries, Leah Riddle, Memorial Hospital of Martinsville, Becky Lovell, Sharon Buckman and Ron Hairston, Piedmont Community Services, and Jennifer Kovack, Office of Human Rights/DBHDS.

LHRC MEMBERS ABSENT: Nancy Davis and Sharon Shepherd

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

II. Welcome New Committee Member

Nancy Sprinkle was welcomed as a new member of the LHRC. Nancy will serve a three-year term as a family member.

III. Approval of the August 13, 2013 Minutes – Rhonda Stone

Upon reviewing the minutes from the August 13, 2013 meeting, a motion was made to approve these minutes as presented. The motion received a second and a unanimous vote of approval followed.

IV. Regional Advocate's Report – Jennifer Kovack

a. Jennifer Kovack advised affiliates that they should use the CHRIS System to do quarterly and annual reports beginning with the April 2014 (through March 31) report. Reports should be done on the CHRIS system thereafter. Everyone should use current forms for the quarter through December 31, 2013.

b. Jennifer will be going out on maternity leave in a couple of weeks. Beth Lee from Lynchburg will fill in for her. Her contact number is 434-947-6230. Jennifer reminded everyone to update their Human Rights Posters with the new contact information.

V. CSB Activities – Ron Hairston

a. Ron reported that Piedmont Community Services now has a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) program in place under the direction of Sharon Buckman. The CIT program helps policemen working with persons with mental health issues and is located at the emergency room at Memorial Hospital. A mental health counselor works initiates a mental health evaluation and is available to assist patients in getting the help they need rather than to be jailed. The purpose of the CIT Team is to get help for persons with mental illness rather than to put them in jail with no help. Patients determined to be experiencing mental health issues are permanently transferred by the arresting police officer to a CIT police officer. The CIT officer is then in charge of the patient. This frees the officer up to go back on duty. Current hours for the CIT program are 2:00 pm to 12:00 midnight four days a week. The program hopes to be available 7 days a week after the first of the year and also plans to add telemedicine and video conferencing. There are only six CIT programs in Virginia.

V. Affiliation requests:

1. Piedmont Community Services requested to add Therapeutic Day Treatment services at Bassett High School. A motion was made to approve the additional services. The motion was seconded and received a unanimous vote of approval.

2. United Support Services requested to add Therapeutic Day Treatment services at Staunton River Middle School. A motion was made to approve this request. The motion received a second and a unanimous vote of approval followed.

3. Intercept Youth Services, inc. requested to transfer affiliation to CVCS in Lynchburg for convenience purposes. A motion was made to approve the request. The motion received a second and a unanimous vote of approval followed.

4. Trinity Support Services was on the agenda to request an expansion of Mental Health Support Services in Region VI but the request was withdrawn.

5. Destini Therapeutic was on the agenda requesting a transfer of affiliation to Southside LHRC, however, this will be put on the next agenda due to there being no representative from Destini present at the meeting.

VI. Other:

Affiliate Reports:

Intercept for Youth - Reported that they are going to affiliation with Lynchburg because it is closer to their office. Intercept for Youth has a Crisis Intervention review and received no citations.

Memorial Hospital of Martinsville – Leah Riddle reported that they have had no complaints.

Pioneer Health Services – Lois Barbour reported that they have had no complaints. They served 18 patients this year and four last year.

Family Preservation – Jeannie Odachowski reported that they had two restraints (no human rights violations) reported during the quarter in Therapeutic Day Support.

Patrick County Development Center – Penny Belcher reported that they have had no complaints.

Stepping Stones – Pam Pritchett reported that they have had no complaints.

It's About Time – Tammy Furrow reported that they have had no complaints.

Mayo Residential – Mary Menefee reported that they have had no complaints.

MPOWERING Kids – Vicki Adams reported that they have had no complaints.

Hope Tree Family Services – Glenda Pollard reported that they have had no complaints.

Goodwill Industries of the Valley – Lynda Edghill reported that they have 25 participants and have had three peer-to-peer incidents.

Support Systems, Inc. – Carol Harris reported that they had one report that the client asked to be discharged.

Trinity Support – No complaints reported.

United Support Services – Tammy Solari reported that they have not have any complaints.

Community Alternatives – Ann Merritt reported that they have not had any complaints.

Phoenix, LLC. – Rochelle Potter reported that they have had no complaints.

East Mental Health – Carol Walker reported that they had two peer-to-peer incidents and no neglect was found.

Life Stages Inc. – Torey Morris reported that they have had no complaints.

EHS Support Services – Jennie Brummitt reported that they have had no incidents.

Piedmont Community Services – Ron Hairston reported that there is one pending investigation and one complaint reported to the LHRC.

VII. Upcoming LHRC Meeting Dates:

February 11, 2014 (Snow date is February 18, 2014)

May 13, 2014 – (Meeting & Annual Appreciation Dinner)

August 12, 2014

November 18, 2014

Becky will contact New College Institute to schedule these meetings and Rania's to schedule the May 13 meeting and appreciation dinner. A location for the May 13 appreciation dinner will be determined since the Dutch Inn no longer serves dinner.

Respectfully submitted by:

Becky Lovell