

LHRC Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2007

LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

<u>Agenda Action Items</u>	<u>Action</u>
Minutes – November 16, 2006	<i>Approved</i>
Braley and Thompson Annual Report	<i>Accepted</i>
Lakeview Blue Ridge Affiliation	<i>Approved</i>
Behavioral/ Restrictive Plans	<i>Approved (in Closed Session)</i>

Committee Members:

William Fitzpatrick, Chair
Evelyn Gland, Vice-Chair
Jacqueline Fagan-Myal
Pam Tessnear
Angela Sutphin (resigned)
Yannis Stivachtis

Welcome

Introductions — Chairman Bill Fitzpatrick welcomed all those in attendance and invited everyone to join in the introductions.

Minutes: November 16, 2006 - The committee reviewed the minutes for November 16, 2006. Ms. Myal motioned to approve the minutes and Dr. Tessnear seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Regional Advocate's Report — Nan Neese

Ms. Neese reviewed the Affiliate Reporting Schedule for 2007. She commented that she hoped this year Affiliates would make every effort to provide meaningful information relative to human rights activities including accurate statistics concerning the complaints and the Informal Resolution Process.

Ms. Neese also reported that the public comments concerning the proposed revisions to the human rights regulation are still undergoing review and consideration.

Announcements: Ms. Neese asked the committee if there were any announcements. Ms. Myal explained that on February 8th and 9th, the Roanoke Higher Education will be holding a training for Autism and Mental Health Issues. She explained that while this training is similar to the CIT training, this particular seminar is open to everyone.

Human Rights Activity Reports: John Weatherspoon, a representative from Braley and Thompson, presented their Annual Report. He gave the committee a brief overview of Braley and Thompson to familiarize everyone with the organization. He explained that they are a small family services organization in Radford which specializes in three areas: treatment, foster care, and outpatient services. Mr. Weatherspoon went on to explain that they had 0 complaints for the year, and 2 contract providers. He also shared with the committee that Shannon May, an LPC from the Women's Resource Center, will be the new coordinator of the outpatient program. Braley and Thompson has applied for intensive in-home services through licensing. Mr. Weatherspoon explained to the committee that intensive in-home services specialize in children and adolescents using master's level counselors. This program will be an in-home service separate from the outpatient program. Chairman Fitzpatrick was asked when Braley and Thompson would be notified if they would be licensed for these services, however Mr. Weatherspoon was unsure about the timeline. The Committee unanimously accepted the report.

Policy and Procedure: There were no new policies or procedures to be brought before the committee.

Members Present:

Bill Fitzpatrick
Evelyn Gland
Jackie Fagan-Myal
Pam Tessnear
Yannis Stivachtis

Members Absent:

Angela Sutphin (resigned)

Others Present:

Craig Mills, NRVCS
Susan Madison, NRVCS
Jennifer Thomas, Family Preservation Services
Shelly Barry, Wall Residences
John Weatherspoon, Braley and Thompson
Tina Trudel, Lakeview Healthcare Systems
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Review of Temporary Affiliation: Lakeview Blue Ridge – Tina Trudel, director of Lake View Blue Ridge updated the committee with events that have taken place since the last meeting in November. With their license being granted, she reported that Lakeview was processing their first admission with 9 more applicants pending. Dr. Trudel explained that she will have the client handbook for the committee to review in the March meeting. Ms. Neese recommended that Lakeview Blue Ridge be granted Affiliation with the LHRC. Ms. Myal motioned to approve this Affiliation, while Ms. Gland seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by the committee.

Discussion/ Review of Behavioral/ Restrictive Plans: In preparation for the LHRC's review of individualized service plans, Ms. Neese gave a brief overview of the Human Rights Committees' role and responsibilities pertaining to the review of Behavioral and Restrictive plans. Ms. Neese suggested that there needs to be continued effort to establish types of plans or restrictions that require the LHRC review. With much discussion, providers agreed that it would be helpful to have a guidance document.

CLOSED SESSION: Dr. Tessnear moved that the NRV LHRC convene into a closed meeting in accordance with §2.2.3711.A(4) and (15) of the Code of VA to protect the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business and to consider medical records namely to conduct review of two individualized Behavioral/ Restrictive Plans. The motion was seconded by Ms. Myal and passed.

The Committee reconvened in public session. Dr. Tessnear made the motion to certify that to the best of her knowledge only those matters lawfully exempted from public business and identified in the motion were heard, discussed and considered by the LHRC. Ms. Myal seconded the motion and each member so certified.

The NRV LHRC approved the continuation of the plans for a period of time not to exceed one year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

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