

LHRC Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2008

LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Welcome and Introductions: Chairman Bill Fitzpatrick called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m. He welcomed everyone in attendance and led introductions.

Public Comments/Reports: None

Minutes: In reviewing the minutes from the January 10, 2008 meeting, Pam Tessnear corrected the date listed for the next meeting (to March 13). Debbie Perez-Lopez motioned that the minutes be approved, with the correction. Pam Tessnear seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

New Business: Nan Neese reviewed changes to affiliation agreements, noting the revised process providers must follow when submitting requests for modifications. Nan also stated that there were currently two outstanding affiliation agreements: Carilion St. Albans Hospital and DePaul Family Services (mental health division).

Regarding the issue of committee support needs, Lucy McCandlish asked that the discussion be tabled until the next meeting.

Nan urged those present to assist with recruitment of new committee members, particularly consumer members. There are currently two vacancies and Evelyn Gland's term ends in June. Nan also noted that Yannis Stivachtis would need to be re-appointed by the June meeting.

Human Rights Activity Reports: Teresa Poole and Ivan Velickovic of Lakeview Blue Ridge provided an overview and update of their program. Yannis made a motion to accept the report and Debbie seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Representatives from neither Creative Family Solutions, Inc. or DePaul Family Services were present to give their reports.

Requests for Affiliations: Casey Henshaw of Family Preservation Services, Inc. was on hand to request that Family Preservation Services, Inc. be allowed to provide a children's Therapeutic Day Treatment at Spiller Elementary School in Wythe County. Pam motioned that Family Preservation Services, Inc.'s existing affiliation agreement be expanded to include the proposed program. Debbie seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Larry Morrisett with Camelot of Virginia, LLC requested that the LHRC temporarily extend Camelot's current affiliation to include two 16-bed facilities, as Camelot had recently taken over operation of the former Tekoa facilities located in Christiansburg and Pilot. Yannis motioned to approve the request and Pam seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Lucy presented New River Valley Community Services' request to expand her agency's affiliation agreement to include the addition of a new sponsor home location in Giles County. Yannis motioned to approve the request. Debbie seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Policy and Procedure Reviews: Nan explained that the New Life Recovery Program operated by New River Valley Community Services no longer needed a variance since the program's restrictions

Committee Members:

William Fitzpatrick, Chair

Evelyn Gland, Vice-Chair

Pam Tessnear

Yannis Stivachtis

Debbie Perez-Lopez

Members Present:

Bill Fitzpatrick

Pam Tessnear

Yannis Stivachtis

Debbie Perez-Lopez

Members Absent:

Evelyn Gland

Others Present:

Michael Turner, Carilion
St. Albans

Dale Cash, Camelot of VA

Jayne Armistead, Camelot

Larry Morrisett, Camelot of VA

John Huton, Camelot of VA

Ivan Velickovic, Lakeview
Blue Ridge

Teresa Poole, Lakeview
Blue Ridge

Keri Basham, Wall Residences

Shelly Barry, Wall Residences

Chase Niedermayer, volunteer

Casey Henshaw, Family
Preservation Services

Lucy McCandlish, NRVCS

Mike Wade, NRVCS

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Policy and Procedure Reviews: (Continued from Page 1) are already in compliance with current regulations.

Lucy clarified that the restraint plan for New River Valley Community Services which was approved at the last LHRC meeting must be reviewed quarterly and will therefore be reviewed at the next meeting.

Closed Session: Pam Tessnear made the motion that the NRV LHRC go into closed session pursuant to VA Code §2.2-3711.A. (4) and (15) for the purpose of protecting the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business, namely to interview a potential candidate for the LHRC. The motion was seconded by Debbie Perez-Lopez and approved unanimously. Upon reconvening in public session, Pam Tessnear moved that each member certify that to the best of their knowledge only matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements were heard, discussed or considered. Yannis Stivachtis seconded the motion and each member so certified.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the LHRC is tentatively scheduled for May 6 at 2:30 p.m. An e-mail confirmation will be distributed to members and affiliates closer to the date of the meeting.