

# LHRC Meeting Minutes

## May 6, 2008

NEW RIVER VALLEY LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

**Welcome and Introductions:** Chairman Bill Fitzpatrick called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. He welcomed everyone and led introductions.

**Public Comments/Reports:** Shelly Barry of Wall Residences announced that she was resigning and that they have hired 2 individuals to resume her responsibilities. Bill Fitzpatrick, Chair announced that Chase Niedermayer was appointed to the LHRC by the State Committee on April 18<sup>th</sup>. He also reminded everyone that Evelyn Gland's term ends in June. She was asked to return for the July meeting so the group could formally thank her for her service.

**Minutes:** Bill Fitzpatrick, Chair recommended that the committee approve the agenda for this meeting. Pam Tessnear motioned that the agenda be approved. Yannis Stivachtis seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. In reviewing the minutes from the March 13, 2008 meeting, Yannis Stivachtis motioned that the minutes be approved. Pam Tessnear seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**Regional Advocate's Report:** Nan Neese started by mentioning the Committee budget review presented by Lucy McCandlish. The request that was made by NRVCS was that a reimbursement of \$762.50 be made to NRVCS from the Committee account. Pam Tessnear motioned that the request be approved. Evelyn Gland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Nan gave a brief update on the affiliation agreements noting that all of them had been received at this point.

Nan went on encouraging all of those present to continue to recruit for the two vacancies on the Committee. She urged that the recruitment be for a consumer and a consumer family member.

**Human Rights Activity Reports:** Casey Henshaw of Family Preservation Services, Inc. provided an overview and update of their program. Yannis Stivachtis motioned to accept the report. Debbie Perez-Lopez seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Lucy McCandlish of New River Valley Community Services provided an overview and update on the agencies programs and services. Debbie Perez-Lopez motioned to accept the report. Yannis Stivachtis seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Dale Cash of Camelot of VA introduced Pedro Segarra as the new executive director for Camelot of VA. He also announced that the licensure applications for their Pilot and Christiansburg sites have been filed with DMHMRSAS. Dale, along with Pedro, gave an overview and update of their sites and programs. After much discussion around the implementation of the Handle With Care procedures, Pam Tessnear motioned to accept the report. Yannis Stivachtis seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

### Committee Members

William Fitzpatrick, Chair  
Evelyn Gland, Vice-Chair  
Pam Tessnear  
Yannis Stivachtis  
Debbie Perez-Lopez  
Chase Niedermayer

### Members Present:

William Fitzpatrick—Chair  
Evelyn Gland—Vice Chair  
Pam Tessnear  
Yannis Stivachtis  
Debbie Perez-Lopez  
Chase Niedermayer

### Members Absent:

None

### Others Present:

Dale Cash, Camelot of VA  
John Hutson, Camelot of VA  
Pedro Segarra, Camelot of VA  
Ivan Velickovic, Lakeview Blue Ridge  
Laura Beth Parnell, Wall Residences  
Keri Basham, Wall Residences  
Shelly Barry, Wall Residences  
Casey Henshaw, Family Preservation Services  
Katy Petak, Family Preservation Services  
Nan Neese, DMHMRSAS  
Lucy McCandlish, NRVCS  
Kerri Beasley—Secretary

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**Requests for Affiliations:** Dale Cash with Camelot of VA requested that the LHRC extend the current temporary affiliation until the July meeting. Yannis Stivachtis motioned to approve the request. Pam Tessnear seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Lucy McCandlish with NRVCS requested to expand the NRVCS affiliation agreement to include one new Host Home location and the addition of Capacity for Elmtree Group Home to 14, as well as the addition of the ICT Licensed team for Montgomery/Giles counties. Yannis Stivachtis motioned to approve the request. Pam Tessnear seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Casey Henshaw with Family Preservation Services, Inc. requested that LHRC extend the current affiliation to include the expansion of their services to the Galax area. Pam Tessnear motioned to approve the request. Yannis Stivachtis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Policy and Procedure Review:** None.

**Closed Session:** Pam Tessnear motioned that the NRV LHRC go into closed session pursuant to VA Code § 2.2-3711.A. (4) for the purpose of protecting the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business. The motion was seconded by Yannis Stivachtis, which was approved unanimously.

With no further discussion, Pam Tessnear moved that NRV LHRC reconvene into public session. Evelyn Gland seconded the motion which was approved unanimously. Upon reconvening in open session, Evelyn Gland moved that only such public business matters identified in the motion for closed session were heard, discussed, and considered. Each member so certified.

**Plan Reviews:** In closed session NRVCS presented two plan reviews. Debbie Perez-Lopez moved that the plan for MT be approved for six months. Chase Niedermayer seconded the motion which was approved unanimously. Debbie Perez-Lopez moved that the plan for KMK be approved for four months, unless changes occur. Chase Niedermayer seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Wall Residences, LLC presented a plan review for GW during the closed session. Pam Tessnear motioned that the plan be approved for one year, unless changes occur. Yannis Stivachtis seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the LHRC is scheduled for July 8, 2008 at 12:00 p.m. An e-mail confirmation will be distributed to members and affiliates closer to the date of the meeting.