

LHRC Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2009

NEW RIVER VALLEY LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Welcome and Introductions: Chairman Bill Fitzpatrick called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. He welcomed everyone and led introductions.

Minutes: There being no discussion regarding the minutes from the November 13, 2008 meeting, Pam Tessnear motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Dr. Yannis Stivachtis seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Regional Advocate's Report: Nan stressed the importance of continuing to recruit for the three vacancies on the Committee. Pam Tessnear reminded Nan that her term, as well as Bill Fitzpatrick's term will be ending in June of this year. She urged that the recruitment specifically include an individual who is currently receiving services, which is Code mandated. She also recommended that one of the other two members be a parent, or family member of a current consumer. She explained that providers are responsible for maintaining the membership of the committee and failure to do so for this length of time and number of reminders will result in her recommendation for citation to the Office of Licensing. Ms. Pam Tessnear reported that she has a family member in mind and Nan should be receiving an application from them soon.

Nan also noted that Adrien Monti and a group of providers are developing a new Committee for the Roanoke Valley. That will be the third committee in that area.

Nan reported that although her team did not lose any positions with the first round of budget cuts, their responsibilities are changing. They will be taking on a new service area immediately. There are other changes on the table, however, nothing has been finalized at this time.

Requests for Affiliations: Kerri Beasley reminded all providers that the Affiliation Agreements and the \$150.00 fee are due by February 1, 2009. Nan asked that each provider member to attach the Affiliate Provider Information sheet to the agreement. These are used to make sure that she knows who is operating where in our region.

Chairman Bill Fitzpatrick asked Nan to give a brief update on the current status of the Camelot sites to the Committee prior to the report from the Camelot representatives. Nan reported that they are only operating under the departmental license in the Roanoke Group home and the Wytheville home. She reported that the Roanoke Group home became affiliated with the Blue Ridge Committee in December, as she requested. However, the Wytheville home is closest to the Mount Rogers Committee and they do not meet again until February. At that time Nan introduced Julie Sears, Executive Director of Camelot of Virginia. She reported on the changes that she is developing within the school in Pulaski County. She also reported that the facilities in Virginia have transitioned from using Handle with Care to Therapeutic Crisis Intervention. Julie reported that effective yesterday, January 21, 2009 the school in Pulaski is licensed and will hopefully be fully accredited in the next six months. Following the update from Camelot, Nan recommended that the committee terminate any affiliation other than with the home in Wytheville. Pam Tessnear motioned that the committee continue affiliation with the Wytheville house until the Mt. Rogers committee meets again. Debbie Perez-Lopez seconded the motion.

Committee Members

William Fitzpatrick, Chair

Pam Tessnear

Yannis Stivachtis

Debbie Perez-Lopez

Chase Niedermayer

Members Present:

William Fitzpatrick—Chair

Pam Tessnear

Yannis Stivachtis

Debbie Perez-Lopez

Members Absent:

Chase Niedermayer

Others Present:

John Weatherspoon - Inter-

cept Youth Services

Casey Henshaw - Family

Preservation Services

Michael Turner - St. Albans

Ivan Velickovic—Lakeview

Blueridge

Keri Basham— Wall Resi-

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Melissa Wall—Wall Resi-

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Vena Duncan—Depaul Fam-

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Cheryl Ann McGovern—

Wall Residences

Julie Sears—Camelot

John Hutson—Camelot

Adrien Monti—

DMHMRSAS

Nan Neese—DMHMRSAS

Lucy McCandlish—NRVCS

Kerri Beasley—Secretary

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Kerri Beasley with NRVCS requested extension of affiliation to a new host home, the Lisa Gibson Home. Dr. Yannis Stivachtis moved to extend affiliation to the Lisa Gibson Home. Pam Tessnear seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Chairman Bill Fitzpatrick noted that the request for affiliation with the LaWanda Langston home, with Wall Residences, was withdrawn.

John Weatherspoon of Intercept Youth Services has submitted the Policy and Procedures manual for the agenda packet. John reported that Intercept has been licensed to provide intensive in-home and mental health support services for adolescents in the Richmond area since June of 2008. John requested affiliation with the Committee for their Intensive In-home and Mental Health Supports Services in the New River Valley. Nan reported to the Committee that she was not aware of John's change in employment nor did she think that she receive appropriate notice of this intent to expand Intercept's in-home licenses to this service area. Nan also noted that she was not aware whether the Office of Licensing had knowledge of this modification. However, Nan recommended that the Committee grant affiliation due to the residential home in Roanoke potentially having children coming back into this community who may need these services for an effective transition. Nan also requested that John make whatever necessary revisions to the policies to accurately reflect services in this area and the use of restraints and prohibition of seclusion. Debbie Perez-Lopez motioned that the Committee grant affiliation for Intensive In-home and Mental Health Supports services of Intercept Youth Services with an update at the next committee meeting. Dr. Yannis Stivachtis seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

Casey Henshaw, Family Preservation Services requested affiliation for Therapeutic Day Treatment services at Jackson Memorial Elementary School. Dr. Yannis Stivachtis motioned to extend affiliation for Therapeutic Day Treatment services at Jackson Memorial Elementary School. Pam Tessnear seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Human Rights Annual Training: There being no further official business, Nan moved forward with her training extending an invitation the providers to join the Committee. LHRC members received the annual training relative to the Freedom of Information Act for Board Members developed by Karen Walters, Attorney, VA Office of the Attorney General.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m. The next LHRC meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. An e-mail confirmation will be distributed to members and affiliates closer to the date of the meeting.