

LHRC Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2009

NEW RIVER VALLEY LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Welcome and Introductions: Chairman Yannis Stivachtis called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. He welcomed everyone and led introductions.

Minutes:

It was suggested that the June 25th minutes note that it was a special called meeting. There being no discussion regarding the minutes from the July 9, 2009 meeting, Beth Deskins motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Lori Mick seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Regional Advocate's Report:

Nan Neese, Regional Human Rights Advocate, noted the difficult budget times. She announced that she will be serving primarily Alleghany, Roanoke Valley, to Martinsville and the New River Valley. The Office of Human Rights will not be filling the Roanoke area advocate position at the present time. The Department will be losing additional positions.

Human Rights Activity Reports:

Ivan Velickovic with Lakeview Blue Ridge began presenting their annual report. Ivan reported on the programs philosophy and population served, as well as highlighted the number of incidents reported to the Office of Human Rights. Mick directed several questions to the Lakeview Blue Ridge staff in order to increase her knowledge of the program. There being no other questions, Mick motioned to accept the report presented by Lakeview Blue Ridge. Niedermayer seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Requests for Affiliation:

Casey Henshaw with Family Preservation services requested extension of affiliation for Therapeutic Day Treatment at Fairlawn Cooperative Transition Program and Carroll County High School. Deskins motioned to extend affiliation to the schools previously listed. Chase Niedermayer seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Keri Basham with Wall Residences requested the committee extend affiliation to the Alphin Service at 1503 Sandy Circle in Blacksburg. Mick motioned to extend affiliation to the new service. Niedermayer seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Kerri Beasley with NRVCs offered notification of closure of the Phillips Home, as well as requested extension of affiliation to the Campbell home, Gallimore home, and Miller home. Niedermayer motioned to extend affiliation to the three new homes. Deskins seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Committee Members

Yannis Stivachtis

Chase Niedermayer

Lori Mick

Rhonda Quesenberry

Beth Deskins

Members Present:

Yannis Stivachtis—Chair

Chase Niedermayer

Lori Mick

Beth Deskins

Members Absent:

Rhonda Quesenberry

Others Present:

Ivan Velickovic—Lakeview Blue Ridge

Victoria Harding—Lakeview Blue Ridge

Keri Basham—Wall Residences

Melissa Wall—Wall Residences

Stephanie Bakely—Wall Residences

Casey Henshaw—Family Preservation Services

Torrey Dunbar—Family Preservation Services

Mike Turner—Carilion Behavioral Health

Nan Neese—DBHDS

Kerri Beasley—Secretary

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Closed Session:

Deskins motioned that the committee convene in a closed meeting pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711 A(4) and (15) for the protection of the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business and the discussion of medical and mental records, namely to conduct a review of an individualized service plan. Mick seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously by roll call.

Following a period of discussion, Deskins made a motion that the committee reconvene into public session. Niedermayer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously by roll call. Upon reconvening in open session, the members individually certified that only such public business matters identified in the motion for closed session were heard, discussed, and considered

Back in open session, Deskins motioned that the committee approve the plans presented by NRVCS and Lakeview Blue Ridge, with a review of both plans in six months. As part of that same motion Deskins requested that the committee approve the key proposal from Lakeview as a program rule. Niedermayer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m. The next LHRC meeting is scheduled for November 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.