

LHRC Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2010

NEW RIVER VALLEY LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Welcome and Introductions: Chairman Yannis Stivachtis called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. He welcomed everyone and led introductions.

Minutes:

Chairman Stivachtis noted that the date for the next meeting was incorrect. There being no further discussion regarding the minutes from the November 12, 2009 meeting, Mick motioned to accept the minutes with one noted correction. Chase Niedermayer seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Regional Advocate's Report:

Nan Neese, Regional Human Rights Advocate, announced the appointment of Jim Stewart as the Interim Commissioner of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services. Mr. Stewart has been a part of the department for some time as the Inspector General.

Neese also mentioned that Human Rights and Licensing, together are working on ways to make licensing and LHRC affiliations more consistent for all providers.

Human Rights Activity Reports: None

Requests for Affiliation:

First topic of discussion for the committee under affiliations was the current affiliate agreement. Neese and Beasley met prior to the meeting to review the proposed recommendations for changes to the current agreement. The committee was given copies of the update agreement for review. Neese noted that the changes requested by the committee at the November meeting were made. The committee discussed that the deadline for the affiliates to return the agreements was only one week away. The committee agreed to extend the deadline to March 1, 2010 in order for Beasley to send the updated agreements to all affiliates and then return them. Beasley will have the updated agreements out in an email by Monday, January 25, 2010.

Kerri Beasley with NRVCS offered notification of closure of the Miranda Stevers Home.

Keri Basham with Wall Residences, was unable to attend the meeting due to the icy weather. Beasley gave a brief synopsis of the request letter from Basham. The letter asked for extended affiliation to the Pat Cumbie Service (1510 Millwood Drive, Salem, VA) and the Pat Spear Service (2612 West Hampton Avenue, Roanoke, VA). The letter also notified the committee of a location change for the Bryant Service to 1718 Mountain Heights Dr., Salem, VA) and closure of the Marlene Beckner Service. Mick motioned to extend affiliation to the new services. Niedermayer seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Policy and Procedure Review: None

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m. The next LHRC meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2010 at 12:00 p.m. An e-mail confirmation will be distributed to members and affiliates closer to the date of the meeting.

Committee Members

Yannis Stivachtis
Chase Niedermayer
Lori Mick
Rhonda Quesenberry
Beth Deskins

Members Present:

Yannis Stivachtis—Chair
Lori Mick
Rhonda Quesenberry
Chase Niedermayer

Members Absent:

Beth Deskins

Others Present:

Casey Henshaw—Family
Preservation Services
Nan Neese—DBHDS
Kerri Beasley—Secretary