

LHRC Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2010

NEW RIVER VALLEY LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Welcome and Introductions: Chairman Yannis Stivachtis called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. He welcomed everyone and led introductions.

Minutes: There being no discussion of change to the minutes from the September 16, 2010 meeting, Lori Mick motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Rhonda Quesenberry seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Regional Advocate's Report: Nan Neese, regional human rights advocate, noted that she is continuing to look at where organizations are affiliated with multiple LHRCs in the Region. The SHRC continues its moratorium on the creation of new local committees and is continuing to look at those committees operating with vacancies in its membership.

Neese reminded providers that they must submit to the LHRC a notice and request relative to each addition of sites, locations, and services. Most Committees have also expected notices of closures. Nan emphasized that affiliation does not give a provider approval to operate. Only Licensing approves operation. Affiliation is a necessary step in human rights compliance.

Neese also noted that 2011 affiliation agreements will be sent out soon and will be due in February. Providers must renew the agreement annually, include the description of services information and comply with the required reporting. She invited all to review the current agreement with her and offer any suggestions for amendments to the LHRC.

Notification of Services: None

Human Rights Activity Reports: Michael Turner, with Carilion St. Alban's, presented their annual report to the committee. He gave an overview of the services provided, as well as highlighted some of the differences in this report versus last year's report. Turner also noted the number of restraints and complaints for the calendar year 2009. The committee did ask for more information around the complaints and the outcome of them. With that request, Beth Deskins motioned that the committee accept the report as presented pending more information on the complaints mentioned in the report. Quesenberry seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Turner then reported to the committee that there has been a recent violation of Dignity, specifically a finding of abuse. He reported that appropriate corrective action was taken and the individual was sent a letter acknowledging violation and apology.

Requests for Affiliation: Stephanie Bakely with Wall Residences requested extension of their current affiliation to include the new Judy Ronan Service in Floyd, VA. There being no questions, Mick motioned to extend affiliation as requested. Quesenberry seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Kerri Edwards with NRVCS offered notification of closure of the Sherrie Chenoweth sponsored home effective September 22, 2010. Edwards then requested an extension of the current affiliation to include the Jeffrey Dotson home in Dublin, VA, the Jim Agnes home in Radford, VA and the Candice Robinson home in Narrows, VA. There being no questions regarding the request, Quesenberry motioned that the committee grant the extension of the current affiliation to these three homes. Deskins seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Committee Members

Yannis Stivachtis
Chase Niedermayer
Lori Mick
Rhonda Quesenberry
Beth Deskins

Members Present:

Yannis Stivachtis—Chair
Lori Mick
Rhonda Quesenberry
Beth Deskins

Members Absent:

Chase Niedermayer

Others Present:

Keri Basham—Wall Residences Inc.
Stephanie Bakely—Wall Residences Inc.
Amanda Craig—Wall Residences Inc.
Scott Worley—Creative Family Solutions
Mike Turner—Carilion St. Albans
Rita Boland—Carilion St. Albans
Bobbi Weeks—Carilion St. Albans
John Weatherspoon—Intercept Youth
Teresa Poole—Neuro Restorative
Lorna Weldon—Neuro Restorative
Natalie Irvine—Braley & Thompson
Vicky Linkous—guest

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Deskins did question the closure of the Chenoweth home in regards to the impact this closure had on the consumer residing in the home. Edwards explained that the consumer and his father, who is his Authorized Representative, live in the home and have decided that consumer will continue to reside there. NRVCS did offer to continue with case management services and mental health supports for the consumer.

Notice to Conclude Affiliations: Neese noted that there was no one from Camelot of Virginia present at the meeting, however, the committee had received a letter of notification in their packets about the closure of the Radford group home on November 4, 2010. She also noted that this letter served to conclude their affiliation as there are no other services being offered in the New River Valley that are licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services.

Natalie Irvine with Braley and Thompson wished to take the opportunity to thank the committee for their service to Braley and Thompson in the past. She notified the committee that they have transferred their affiliation for all services to the Blue Ridge LHRC and thus concluding affiliation with the New River Valley committee.

Policy and Procedure Review: None.

Closed Session: Deskins motioned that the committee convene in a closed meeting pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711 A(1) to conduct interviews with applicants for membership and A(4) for the protection of the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business and (15) to conduct a review of an individualized services plan and a review of a proposed next friend AR. 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. Mick 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

Based on the interviews with the applicants, the Committee asked that Neese forward with the two applications for membership to the State Committee.

Deskins motioned to approve the installation of the protective barrier presented by Wall Residences with the understanding that the device would be of professional grade. Mick seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. The committee also requested that the case be brought back for review in on year's time.

Deskins also motioned that the committee approve Dr. Harvey Barker's appointment of Jason Skinner as the Next of Friend Authorized Representative for the consumer. Quesenberry seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m. The next LHRC meeting is scheduled for January 20th, 2011 at 12:00 p.m. An e-mail confirmation will be distributed to members and affiliates closer to the date of the meeting.