

LHRC Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2011

NEW RIVER VALLEY LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Welcome and Introductions: Chairman Yannis Stivachtis called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. He welcomed everyone and led introductions.

Nan Neese asked to have two requests from Intercept added to the agenda under Requests for Affiliations.

Minutes: Beth Deskins noted a line of text missing from the printed copies of the minutes. Lori Mick requested a correction to the last sentence of the 4th paragraph in the Closed Session section; replacing the word “on” with the word “one”. There being no further discussion regarding the minutes from the November 18, 2010 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, introduced the memo from the State Human Rights Committee Chair regarding recommendations for LHRC structure changes along with a model Cooperative Agreement. Neese reviewed the memo highlighting some of the proposed changes and requested members review the materials in detail for thorough discussion at the next meeting. Neese will distribute other related documentation to the committee electronically and asks the committee be prepared to discuss proposed structure changes at the March 2011 meeting.

Neese reminded members Restraint Reports were due January 15th 2011 and requested copies of those reports.

Neese encouraged providers to use current reporting forms. The issue of additional reporting guidance will be revisited during the March meeting along with the new SHRC recommendations.

Neese discussed the importance of maintaining an accurate affiliate list. The current list was distributed and attendees were asked to make corrections as needed.

Notification of Services: None

Human Rights Activity Reports: Reports were not scheduled for this meeting due to the Annual Restraint Report requirement.

Requests for Affiliation: Kerri Basham with Wall Residences requested extension of their current affiliation to include the Carmelita Bishop home in Radford, VA. There being no questions, Mick motioned to extend affiliation as requested. Niedermayer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

NRVCS offered notification of closure of the Lisa Gibson home effective December 31, 2010. NRVCS then requested an extension of the current affiliation to include the Janet Frost home in Dublin, VA. There being no questions, Mick motioned that the committee grant the extension of the current affiliation to this new home. Niedermayer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Committee Members

Yannis Stivachtis
Chase Niedermayer
Lori Mick
Rhonda Quesenberry
Beth Deskins
Vickie Linkous
Sheena Pickett

Members Present:

Yannis Stivachtis, Chair
Chase Niedermayer
Lori Mick
Rhonda Quesenberry
Beth Deskins
Vickie Linkous

Members Absent:

Sheena Pickett

Others Present:

Keri Basham
Stephanie Bakely
Mary Day
Wall Residences Inc.

Casey Henshaw
John Weatherspoon
Intercept Youth

Melissa Poindexter
Creative Family Solutions

Katy Petak
Family Preservation Svcs.

Ivan Velickovic
Teresa Poole
Mentor

Lucy McCandlish
NRVCS

Nan Neese
DBHDS

Melissa Jackson
Secretary

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John Weatherspoon requested Intercept's LHRC affiliation be moved from the Blue Ridge Committee to the New River Valley Committee. Weatherspoon distributed a handout describing Intercept services and contact information for all supervisors and directors. Weatherspoon then requested an extension of the current affiliation to include William Fleming High School in their Therapeutic Day Treatment Program. There being no questions, Deskins motioned that the committee accept total affiliation of Intercept and extended affiliation to William Fleming High School. Niedermayer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Notice to Conclude Affiliations: None.

Policy and Procedure Review: The committee received, in their packets, the revised copy of NRVC's New Horizons Program Guidelines & Treatment Agreement for Residents. Laura Eichenlaub of New Horizons described the crisis stabilization program and its goals. Neese questioned one of the program rules because it seems to suggest that individuals who are unsafe are simply discharged to their own homes. Eichenlaub clarified Access is involved in the discharge process and decision making with the intent being to send clients home only if they are stable. There being no further questions, Mick motioned that the committee approve the revised program rules. Niedermayer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Wall Residences, LLC submitted notice that the sponsored residential services will now include children. The packet included a copy of the services description. Keri Basham of Wall Residences described the modification, noting that parents retain parental authority and services are not provided under the same roof as adult clients. There being no further questions, Niedermayer motioned that the committee extend affiliation to include children in the sponsored residential services. Rhonda Quesenberry seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Closed Session: None.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m. The next LHRC meeting is scheduled for March 10th, 2011 at 12:00 p.m. An e-mail confirmation will be distributed to members and affiliates closer to the date of the meeting.