

# LHRC Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2011

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.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Minutes:** Vickie Linkous motioned to accept the minutes of the May 12, 2011 meeting. Charles Niedermayer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

**Notification of Services:** None.

**Human Rights Activity Reports:** Michael McGee with Strengthening Our System presented their 2010 annual human rights activity report to the committee. Following a discussion on a couple of questions raised by the committee, Beth Deskins motioned that the committee accept the report. Lori Mick seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Keri Basham with Wall Residences presented their 2010 annual human rights activity report to the committee. Following a discussion on a couple of questions raised by the committee, Rhonda Quesenberry motioned that the committee accept the report. Vickie Linkous seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

John Weatherspoon with Intercept Youth presented their 2010 annual human rights activity report to the committee. Following a discussion on a couple of questions raised by the committee, Lori Mick motioned that the committee accept the report. Charles Niedermayer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Keri Basham then reported to the committee that Wall Residences recently received a licensing citation for an incident reported to the Office of Licensing and the Human Rights Advocate. Basham described the incident in detail and answered questions for committee members. Basham reported appropriate corrective actions were taken including closing the sponsored residential service involved in the incident.

**Regional Advocate's Report:** Nan Neese, Regional Human Rights Advocate, reported she will hold an in-service training for affiliates following today's meeting and committee members are invited to attend. Neese reported Yannis Stivachtis and Lori Mick have been reappointed to the NRV LHRC.

Lori Mick reported on activity of the sub-committee for officer nominations. The sub-committee nominates Beth Deskins to serve as Vice-Chair and Sheena Pickett to serve as Secretary. With no other nominations from the floor, the nominations of Deskins and Pickett were accepted and approved by unanimous vote.

**Requests for Affiliation:** Melissa Jackson of NRVCS requested extension of the NRVCS affiliation to include a new sponsored home at 1108 Westview Street, Narrows, VA 24124. After a brief discussion, Vickie Linkous motioned to extend the affiliation as noted. Beth Deskins seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

## **Committee Members**

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

## **Members Present:**

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

## **Others Present:**

Keri Basham  
Mary Day  
*Wall Residences Inc.*

Melissa Poindexter  
*Creative Family Solutions*

Matt Milovich  
Juan Polanco  
John Weatherspoon  
*Intercept Youth*

Katy Petak  
*Family Preservation Svcs.*

Teresa Poole  
Ivan Velickovic  
*NeuroRestorative Virginia*

Shane Ashby  
Tracy Bandy  
Linda Felts  
Melissa Jackson  
*NRVCS*

Rita Boland  
Michael Turner  
Bobbi Weeks  
*Carilion Clinic Saint Albans*

Michael McGee  
*Strengthening Our System*

Nan Neese  
*DBHDS*

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Keri Basham of Wall Residences requested extension of the Wall Residences affiliation to a short term oversight of a children's service at 1556 East Perch Road, Monroe, VA. Basham noted the Central Virginia LHRC has been notified of this new service and permanent Central Virginia LHRC oversight of the service will be sought at their July 19th, 2011 committee meeting. Nan Neese, Regional Advocate, recommended the committee deny the request due to the fact the affiliation would extend outside of Region III. Neese offered to make notification to the Office of Licensure that an attempt was made to obtain affiliation. Following a brief discussion, Beth Deskins motioned to extend the affiliation on a temporarily basis to expire on July 22, 2011. Vickie Linkous seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Basham also requested extension of the Wall Residences affiliation to three sponsored residential homes at 2612 West Hampton Ave., Roanoke, VA 24015, 1281 Huckleberry Ridge Road, Floyd, VA 24091, and 5594 Homestead Road, Riner, VA 24149. Following a brief discussion, Lori Mick motioned to extend the affiliation as noted. Rhonda Quesenberry seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

**Notice to Conclude Affiliations:** None.

**Policy and Procedure Review:** None.

**Closed Session:** None.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:44 p.m. The next LHRC meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2011 at 12:00 p.m. An e-mail confirmation will be distributed to members and affiliates closer to the date of the meeting.