

LHRC Meeting Minutes

September 9, 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: Stivachtis asked committee members to review the minutes of the July 14, 2011 meeting. Lori Mick motioned to accept the minutes. Vickie Linkous seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Notification of Services: None.

Regional Advocate's Report: Nan Neese, Regional Human Rights Advocate, reported the State Human Rights Committee will meet tomorrow at Blue Ridge Behavioral Health Care Children's Center. The committee will also visit East Mental Health Services prior to the meeting. Neese encouraged affiliates to remain after today's meeting to discuss the new report forms, if necessary. Neese reminded affiliates to include human rights allegations and licensure citations in quarterly reports. Affiliates will present quarterly reports in the new format at the November meeting for the period of July to September of 2011. Neese reported the final version of the new affiliation agreement has not been distributed to affiliates. Neese suggested the new affiliation agreement can be extended to cover the remainder of 2011 through the end of 2012. The committee was in agreement. Neese reminded affiliates to submit changes in contact information in a timely manner.

Human Rights Activity Reports: Katy Petak with Family Preservation Services presented their 2010 annual human rights activity report to the committee. Petak described services offered by Family Preservation and discussed items on the report. Following a brief discussion on questions raised by the committee, Rhonda Quesenberry motioned that the committee accept the report. Vickie Linkous seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Later in the meeting, Mary Day of Wall Residences reported to the committee that Wall Residences recently received a licensing citation for a violation of an individual's rights in a sponsored residential service. Day further reported Wall Residences took immediate action and closed the service.

Lucy McCandlish with NRVCS presented their 2010 annual human rights activity report to the committee. McCandlish summarized services offered by NRVCS and discussed the amount of growth experienced at the agency. Following a discussion on a couple of questions raised by the committee, Lori Mick motioned that the committee accept the report. Vickie Linkous seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Requests for Affiliation: Mary Day of Wall Residences requested extension of their affiliation to include eight new sponsored homes at 3892 Prices Ford Road, Blacksburg, VA 24060, 405 Wolfpen Ridge Road, Galax, VA 24333, Parks Home in Galax, VA, 189 White Oak Dr., Floyd, VA 24091, 195 Windy Ridge Lane, Galax, VA 24333, 2512 Manchester Street, Blacksburg, VA 24060, and 1389 Coaling Road, Troutville, VA 24175. After a discussion surrounding discharge planning related to client moves, Lori Mick motioned to extend the affiliation as noted. Vickie Linkous 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
Vickie Linkous
Lori Mick
Rhonda Quesenberry

Members Absent:

Beth Deskins
Chase Niedermayer
Sheena Pickett

Others Present:

Mary Day
Amanda Craig
Wall Residences Inc.

John Weatherspoon
Intercept Youth

Katy Petak
Family Preservation Svcs.

Melissa Jackson
Lucy McCandlish
NRVCS

Nan Neese
DBHDS

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Lucy McCandlish of NRVCS requested extension of the NRVCS affiliation to include a new sponsored home at 200 Willow Oak Drive, Christiansburg, VA 24073. Rhonda Quesenberry motioned to extend the affiliation as noted. Lori Mick 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 12:50 p.m. The next LHRC meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2011 at 12:00 p.m. An e-mail confirmation will be distributed to members and affiliates closer to the date of the meeting.