

LHRC Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2014

NEW RIVER VALLEY LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Welcome and Introductions:

Chair Beth Deskins called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. Deskins welcomed attendees and led introductions.

Public Comment:

None.

Approval of Agenda:

There were two requests for additions to the agenda: interview of an applicant during closed session and the quarterly report of Creative Family Solutions. Chase Niedermayer moved to approve the agenda with the additions requested. Lori Mick seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Minutes:

Committee members received in their packets the minutes from the September 11, 2014 meeting. Lori Mick moved to approve the minutes as distributed, with one correction: in the Annual Reports section, change of "NRVCS of Family Preservation Services" to "NRVCS and Family Preservation Services". Rhonda Quesenberry seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

There was a request to amend the July 2014 minutes to reflect the Committee's action to conclude the affiliation of two sponsored residential services within Wall Residences, the Giessler service and the Blatt service. Sandra Via moved to add this change to the July minutes as requested. Rhonda Quesenberry seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Regional Advocate's Report:

Nan Neese, Regional Advocate for DBHDS, presented her report. Neese reminded providers that meeting minutes are posted to the NRVCS website soon after each meeting. She invited providers to review the Drafts to assure that the Minutes capture what they presented for action. Neese announced the appointment of Deb Lochart as the State Human Rights Director. The SHRC met at Catawba in September 2014 and toured residential services. Relative to the Comprehensive Human Rights Information System, (CHRIS), Neese reminded providers that all "tabs" must be completed before a case can be closed. All providers should be using the CHRIS system at this time. Neese advised the LHRC that the State Committee may not be aware of LHRC's comments about the current provider reporting requirements because the Department's website links to LHRC Minutes is not functioning while the site is under construction. The Committee requested Neese and Melissa Jackson to draft correspondence concerning comments.

Annual Human Rights Activity Reports:

Committee members received in their meeting packets, the 2013 Annual Reports of Carilion Clinic St. Albans Hospital and Pulaski Medical. Tryphena Wymys of St. Albans presented their report. James Armentrout of Pulaski Medical presented their report. There being no further discussion, Sandra Via moved to accept both reports as presented. Lori Mick seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Quarterly Human Rights Activity Reports:

Committee members received in their meeting packets, the 2014 2nd Quarterly Human Rights Activity Report from Carilion Clinic St. Albans, Family Preservation Services, Intercept Carriage House, Intercept Autumn House, Intercept Youth, NRVCS, NeuroRestorative, Pulaski Medical, Strengthening Our System, and Wall Residences. Committee members received by handout the 2014 2nd Quarterly Human Rights Activity Report from Creative Family Solutions/ResCare.

Committee Members

Jeanetta Beamer
Beth Deskins
Lori Mick
Chase Niedermayer
Rhonda Quesenberry
Sandra Via

Members Present:

Beth Deskins
Lori Mick
Chase Niedermayer
Rhonda Quesenberry
Sandra Via

Members Absent:

Jeanetta Beamer

Others Present:

Rhiannon Violette, Lakeevia
Sinkford
ResCare/CFS

James Armentrout
Pulaski Medical

Jennifer Sherman, Hattie Savage
Intercept Youth

Keri Basham
Wall Residences

Laura Taylor
FPS

Lisa Bond, Ivan Velivkovic
NeuroRestorative

Lucy McCandlish, Heather
Rupe, Lauren Tate
NRVCS

Tryphena Wymys, Bobbi Weeks
Carilion St. Albans

Matt Milovich
Intercept Community Homes

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Quarterly reports were presented by Tryphena Wyms of Carilion Clinic St. Albans, Laura Taylor of Family Preservation Services, Jennifer Sherman of Intercept Youth, Matt Milovich of Intercept Carriage House and Intercept Autumn House, Ivan Velickovic of NeuroRestorative, Heather Rupe of NRVCS, James Armentrout of Pulaski Medical, Keri Basham of Wall Residences, and Rhiannon Violette of Creative Family Solutions/ResCare. The Quarterly Report of Strengthening our System was not presented. There being no further questions from the committee, Sandra Via moved to accept the reports presented while tabling the report of Strengthening Our System until the January 2015 meeting. Chase Niedermayer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Requests for Affiliation:

Heather Rupe of NRVCS requested extension of affiliation to a new residential group home, FS-1 Wadsworth, at 1734 Wadsworth Street, Radford, VA 24141 and to a new location for a sponsored home, the Carter home, at 1180 Flint St., Christiansburg, VA 24073. Chase Niedermayer moved to extend the affiliation as requested. Lori Mick seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Keri Basham of Wall Residences requested extension of affiliation to: a new location, the Todd home, at 1407 Barrens Village Court, Roanoke, VA 24019; a new location, the Keith home, at 237 Meadows Farm Road, Willis, VA 24380; and to a new location, the Hairfield home, at 673 Weeks Road, Floyd, VA 24091. Chase Niedermayer moved to extend affiliation as requested. Rhonda Quesenberry seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Notice to Conclude Affiliations:

Jennifer Sherman of Intercept Youth requested conclusion of affiliation to provide Intensive In-Home and Mental Health Skill-building services from the New River Valley location at 104-B Wadsworth Street, Radford, VA 24141 effective November 30th, 2014. Sandra Via moved to conclude affiliation as noted. Rhonda Quesenberry seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Heather Rupe of NRVCS requested conclusion of affiliation at the former location for the Carter home at 1020 George Edward Via, Christiansburg, VA 24073; and conclusion of affiliation at a sponsored home, the Spencer home, at 131 Twin Oaks, Pearisburg, VA 24134. Chase Niedermayer moved to conclude affiliation as noted. Sandra Via seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Policy and Procedure Review:

Heather Rupe of NRVCS presented their Reporting External Allegations Policy. Following discussion relative to the need and purpose for the new policy, Chase Niedermayer moved to approved the policy with one suggested amendment: writing out the AR & ED/ID wording within the text of the policy. Lori Mick seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Closed Session:

Sandra Via moved to convene in a closed meeting pursuant to Virginia code 2.2-3711 A(4) and section (15) for the protection of the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business and the discussion of medical and mental records; namely to review one Wall Residences plan, Wall-1-2014, and to conduct the interview of an LHRC applicant. Chase Niedermayer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved. After a period of discussion, Sandra Via moved to reconvene into public session. Rhonda Quesenberry seconded the motion which was unanimously approved. Each member then certified that to the best of their knowledge only matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements were heard, discussed, or considered. It is reported that there was a momentary lapse when members engaged in discussion regarding a community play that involved dignity issues which deviated from the topic in closed session.

Beth Deskins moved to approve the Wall-1-2014 plan for a period not to exceed 6 months or the next regularly scheduled meeting. Chase Niedermayer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved. Deskins requested the application of the candidate interviewed by submitted to the SHRC.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:47 p.m. The next NRV LHRC meeting is scheduled for January 8th, 2015.