LHRC Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2013

NEW RIVER VALLEY LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Welcome and Introductions:

Chairman Yannis Stivachtis called the meeting to order 12:01 p.m. He welcomed everyone and led introductions.

Public Comment:

None.

Approval of Agenda:

Beth Deskins moved to approve the agenda with the addition of one item for closed session regarding a next friend AR appointment for an NRVCS client. Chase Niedermayer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Minutes:

Committee members received in their packets the minutes from the January 24, 2013 meeting. Lori Mick moved to approve the minutes with one change noted. Beth Deskins seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Regional Advocate's Report:

Dwayne Lynch, Human Rights Advocate filled in for Nan Neese, Regional Advocate whom was not able to attend today's meeting. Mr. Lynch thanked committee members and providers for having him. Advocate informed everyone present that Ms. Neese will be back at the next scheduled LHRC meeting. Advocate informed providers and committee to expect more site visits in 2013 in regards to monitoring, especially with ID providers. Lynch also commented on CHRIS (Computerized Human Rights Information System) and gave an update on phase role out. Lynch informed everyone that phase 1 has been completed and will be live for providers included in phase 1 on March 26th. Phase 2 will be for all the remaining ID providers. If providers have not received communication regarding this please let Advocate know and information will be forwarded about the upcoming training. Training will be held for phase 2 in April-May time frame. Phase 3 will be for all remaining mental health providers and should be expected around May –June time frame. Dwayne Lynch, Advocate also took the time to remind providers who are operating in Roanoke and have offices in that area to please make sure Mr. Lynch's information is updated on Rights posters and Rights notifications to individuals.

Annual Human Rights Activity Reports:

Committee members received in their packets the 2012 Annual Reports of Creative Family Solutions and NeuroRestorative.

Scott Worley of Creative Family Solutions presented their report. Worley summarized the report and described services in detail. Chase Niedermayer moved to accept the report. Lori Mick seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Lisa Bond of NeuroRestorative presented their report. Bond summarized the report, describing services and clientele. At the request of a committee member, Bond further detailed the proposed supportive apartment environment mentioned in the report. Mick noted an individual was identified in the report and Bond offered apologies to the committee. Beth Deskins moved to accept the report. Chase Niedermayer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Committee Members

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

Members Present:

Yannis Stivachtis, Chair Jeanetta Beamer Beth Deskins Lori Mick Chase Niedermayer

Members Absent:

Vickie Linkous Rhonda Quesenberry

Others Present:

Elisha Nichols, Amanda Craig, Keri Basham Wall Residences Inc.

> Jennifer Sherman Matt Milovich Intercept Youth

Stephanie Bakely
Strengthening our System

Melissa Jackson, Lucy McCandlish, Tracy Bandy, Gary Kiser NRVCS

Diane McCarty, Tami King Family Preservation Services

Lisa Bond NeuroRestorative

Dwayne Lynch DBHDS

Michael Turner, Bobbi Weeks

Carilion Saint Albans

Joanna Vernon, Susan Barnley, Michael Hunter, Scott Worley Creative Family Solutions

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Quarterly Human Rights Activity Reports:

Committee members received in their packets the 2012 4th Quarter report from all affiliates.

Mike Turner of Carilion Saint Albans presented their report. Lori Mick moved to accept the report. Chase Niedermayer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Scott Worley of Creative Family Solutions presented their report. Beth Deskins moved to accept the report. Chase Niedermayer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Tami King of Family Preservation Services presented their report. Lori Mick moved to accept the report. Beth Deskins seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Jennifer Sherman of Intercept Youth presented their report. A committee member requested a brief synopsis of the complaint noted in the report. Dwayne Lynch suggested it will be beneficial to committee members, if affiliates will include brief details of all complaints on the back portion of the report, regardless of official findings. Sherman offered a synopsis as requested. Matt Milovich of Intercept Youth-Carriage House presented their report. During discussion of the report, Dwayne Lynch noted violating one's own policy is substantiated abuse regardless of a related DSS finding. Chase Niedermayer moved to accept both reports. Lori Mick seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Lisa Bond of NeuroRestorative presented their report. Lori Mick questioned the need for both annual and quarterly reports from providers. Dwayne Lynch suggested the annual report is more statistical in nature and the quarterly report is meant to be more detailed. Chase Niedermayer moved to accept the report. Jeanetta Beamer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Stephanie Bakely of Strengthening our System presented their report. Beth Deskins moved to accept the report. Chase Niedermayer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Keri Basham of Wall Residences presented their report. Chase Niedermayer moved to accept the report. Beth Deskins seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Tracy Bandy of NRVCS presented their report. At the request of a committee member, Bandy offered a synopsis of each complaint noted in the report. At the request of a committee member, Bandy summarized 5 emergency restraints detailed in the report. Chase Niedermayer moved to accept the report. Beth Deskins seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Requests for Affiliation:

Tracy Bandy of NRVCS requested an extension of their affiliation to include a new location of a sponsored home (Bourne Home). Bandy offered notice of a change in a sponsored provider (Bentley Home). Bandy requested an extension of their affiliation to include a new sponsored home (Robertson Home). There being no discussion, Beth Deskins moved to extend the affiliation as noted. Chase Niedermayer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Keri Basham of Wall Residences requested extension of their affiliation to include two new locations (Redman Home and Bryant Home). There being no further discussion, Chase Niedermayer moved to extend the affiliation as requested. Beth Deskins seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Notice to Conclude Affiliations:

None.

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Policy and Procedure Review:

Jennifer Sherman of Intercept Youth presented their outpatient services human rights policies. Sherman noted Intercept Youth already has the license, providing crisis stab services. Now, the intention is to fully utilize the license. Dwayne Lynch noted Intercept has been providing crisis stab through outpatient and will now focus on traditional outpatient services. Lori Mick moved to extend Intercept Youth's affiliation to include outpatient services at the Roanoke office location. Chase Niedermayer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Closed Session:

Beth Deskins 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 conduct an interview with a proposed next friend authorized representative. Chase Niedermayer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

After a period of discussion, Beth Deskins moved to reconvene into public session. Chase Niedermayer 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.

Beth Deskins moved to approve the NRVCS Executive Director's designation of a Next Friend Authorized Representative for MH. Lori Mick seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Lori Mick moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:20 p.m. Chase Niedermayer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved. The next LHRC meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. An e-mail confirmation will be distributed to members and affiliates closer to the date of the meeting.