

# LHRC Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2013

NEW RIVER VALLEY LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

## Welcome and Introductions:

Chairman Yannis Stivachtis called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. Stivachtis welcomed attendees and led introductions.

## Public Comment:

None.

## Approval of Agenda:

Wall Residences requested one addition to the agenda: an extension of affiliation for the move of an existing service to a new home at 212 Wood Gap Road, Floyd, VA 24091. Family Preservation requested the addition of one item to the agenda: extension of affiliation for in-home services into Covington City and Alleghany County. NRVCS requested the addition of three items to the agenda: extension of affiliation for three changes of location for "Freestone 2" Group Home (513 East Main Street, Radford, VA 24141), Counts Sponsored Home (1692 Oriole Drive, Blacksburg, VA 24060), and England Sponsored Home (404 Edgewood Lane, Blacksburg, VA 24060). Beth Deskins moved to approve the agenda with the additions as requested. Chase Niedermayer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

## Minutes:

Committee members received in their packets the minutes from the May 9, 2013 meeting. Beth Deskins moved to approve the minutes with one correction previously noted by committee member Lori Mick, via email. Chase Niedermayer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

## Regional Advocate's Report:

Nan Neese, Human Rights Advocate, presented her report. The CHRIS reporting system is up and running. One of the challenges with using the system is many providers have more advanced operating systems than the department and there are resulting communication errors. The department is hoping to correct the issue in the near future. Neese noted the advantages of automated reporting and noted developers are currently working on increasing the allowable character space in narrative fields. Neese encouraged providers to save their work often to avoid being logged out of the system. Neese is automatically notified when complaints and allegations are entered and Neese uses the automated system to notify licensing. Neese reported regulations on the complaint resolution process will be revised, streamlining the process. Neese noted her physical office is relocating on Monday 7/15 and Neese may have limited phone/computer access as a result, but providers should continue trying to make contact by phone or computer if issues arise.

Although not noted at this time, Neese later announced committee chairman Yannis Stivachtis is expecting appointment to the SHRC by the end of the month. Stivachtis will join the 9/12/13 meeting of the NRV LHRC and elections will be on that meeting's agenda.

## Annual Human Rights Activity Reports:

Committee members received in their packets, the 2012 Annual Human Rights Activity Reports of Intercept Youth, Intercept Youth Carriage House, Strengthening our System, and Wall Residences. Chairman Stivachtis reminded committee members that all allegations and complaints tallied on the annual report have already been discussed during each provider's corresponding quarterly report.

## Committee Members

Yannis Stivachtis  
Jeanetta Beamer  
Beth Deskins  
Lori Mick  
Chase Niedermayer  
Rhonda Quesenberry

## Members Present:

Yannis Stivachtis, Chair  
Jeanetta Beamer  
Beth Deskins  
Chase Niedermayer

## Members Absent:

Lori Mick  
Rhonda Quesenberry

## Others Present:

Gail Dutchess, Becky Lewis,  
John Weatherspoon, Mary Day  
*Wall Residences Inc.*

Hattie Savage, Dale Hamann,  
Matt Milovich  
*Intercept Youth*

Stephanie Bakely  
*Strengthening our System*

Melissa Jackson,  
Lucy McCandlish  
*NRVCS*

Tami King, Laura Taylor  
*Family Preservation Services*

Ivan Velickovic, Lisa Bond  
*NeuroRestorative*

Nan Neese  
*DBHDS*

Jena Morris, Ali Colgrove, Mike  
Hunter  
*Creative Family Solutions*

Kimeco Addison  
*Pulaski Medical*

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Matt Milovich presented the 2012 Annual Report for Intercept Youth and Intercept Youth Carriage House, along with an overview of services. Chase Niedermayer moved to accept the reports. Beth Deskins seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Stephanie Bakely of Strengthening Our System presented their 2012 Annual Report, along with a summary of services. Beth Deskins moved to accept the report. Chase Niedermayer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Gail Dutchess of Wall Residences presented their 2012 Annual Report, along with an overview of services. Beth Deskins moved to accept the report. Chase Niedermayer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

## **Quarterly Human Rights Activity Reports:**

None.

## **Requests for Affiliation:**

Tami King of Family Preservation Services requested an extension of their affiliation to provide intensive in home and therapeutic day treatment services in Covington City and Alleghany County. Nan Neese explained reporting coordination among regional locations. Beth Deskins moved to extend the affiliation as noted. Jeanetta Beamer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Hattie Savage of Intercept Youth requested an extension of their affiliation to two new locations for therapeutic day treatment at Highland Park Elementary, and Round Hill Elementary. Chase Niedermayer moved to extend the affiliation as noted. Jeanetta Beamer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Lucy McCandlish of NRVCS requested an extension of their affiliation for three changes of location for "Freestone 2" Group Home (513 East Main Street, Radford, VA 24141), Counts Sponsored Home (1692 Oriole Drive, Blacksburg, VA 24060), and England Sponsored Home (404 Edgewood Lane, Blacksburg, VA 24060). Chase Niedermayer moved to extend the affiliation as noted. Jeanetta Beamer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved. McCandlish offered notice of closure of two sponsored homes (Snider Home and Bentley Home).

Wall Residences requested an extension of their affiliation to a new address at 212 Wood Gap Road, Floyd, VA 24091. Beth Deskins moved to extend the affiliation as noted. Chase Niedermayer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Kimeco Addison of Pulaski Medical requested affiliation with the NRV LHRC for outpatient medication assisted treatment services at 1006 E. Main Street, Pulaski, VA 24301. Nan Neese noted the Pulaski Medical client handbook, containing program rules, continues to be developed. Neese reported Pulaski Medical's original draft packet contained an internal appeal process for treatment terminations and the language indicated termination reviews would be handled by the NRV LHRC. Neese noted such reviews are clinical in nature and should not be performed by an LHRC. Therefore, Pulaski Medical is revising the language. Neese reported Pulaski Medical is hosting the Office of Licensing at the time of this meeting. The provider is ready to operate once the state license is issued and approval is received from DEA. Neese noted she will work closely with the provider to finalize handbook, which will come back before the committee at a future meeting. Kimeco Addison reported the target date for starting services is August 5th. Addison shared staffing and treatment model information. Nan Neese reported she recommends affiliation at this point in time. Neese also shared a letter from Elaine Beck apologizing for Beck's absence at the meeting. Neese reported medication assisted treatment services historically receive their majority of complaints around the issue of take home privileges. Neese noted take home privilege decisions are therapeutic in nature due to concerns around mixing of medications. Neese participated in the initial licensing review. Neese reported Elaine Beck shared information related to community resistance to Pulaski Medical's services, but Beck believes those issues have been addressed. Neese noted Pulaski Medical uses a liquid version of the medication and typically problems arise when the pill version is used. Neese concluded by noting the Office of Substance Abuse will oversee the program and

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discussed the level of oversight. Neese recommended the committee affirm the affiliation and allow Pulaski Medical to proceed with the licensing process. Neese announced the client handbook will be made available to committee members at the next meeting. Chase Niedermayer moved to extend affiliation to Pulaski Medical. Jeanetta Beamer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

**Notice to Conclude Affiliations:**

None.

**Policy and Procedure Review:**

Tami King of Family Preservation Services presented their revised Behavior Intervention Policy/Safety Care. Chase Niedermayer moved to accept the policy. Beth Deskins seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Gail Dutchess of Wall Residences noted a retraction of the request to review Wall Residences' service descriptions including new Respite Service.

**Closed Session:**

None.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Chase Niedermayer moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:58 p.m. Beth Deskins seconded the motion which was unanimously approved. The next LHRC meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. An e-mail confirmation will be distributed to members and affiliates closer to the date of the meeting.