

LHRC Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2015

NEW RIVER VALLEY LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Welcome and Introductions:

Vice-Chair, Chase Niedermayer called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. Niedermayer welcomed attendees and led introductions.

Public Comment:

None.

Approval of Agenda:

Heather Rupe of NRVCS requested two additions to the agenda: extension of affiliation to a new sponsored home, the Stilley/McBroom Home at 1110 Hans Meadow Road in Christiansburg, and a review of New Life Program Rules. James Armentrout of Pulaski Medical requested one addition to the agenda: review of their 2015 1st Quarterly Report. Amanda Craig of Wall Residences requested two additions to the agenda: extension of affiliation to two new sponsored homes, the Burnette home at 200 Alderman Street in Galax and the Conner home at 1169 Lick Ridge Road NE in Check. Laura Taylor of Family Preservation requested two additions to the agenda: extension of affiliation to an administrative satellite office at 126 North Locust Street in Floyd and to an administrative/outpatient office at 1650 Cambria Street in Christiansburg. Lori Mick moved to approve the agenda with the changes noted. Rhonda Quesenberry seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Minutes:

Committee members received in their packets the minutes from the March 12, 2015 meeting. Rhonda Quesenberry moved to approve the minutes. Lori Mick seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Regional Advocate's Report:

Nan Neese, Regional Advocate for DBHDS, presented her report. Neese reported LHRC membership and rosters are reviewed at this time of year. Neese noted Chair Beth Deskins is absent today and this would be her last meeting as her term is expiring. Neese encouraged committee members to invite Deskins to the July meeting to celebrate her service to the committee. Neese noted the reappointment application for member Sandra Via will be submitted upon the committee's direction. There are two vacancies on the NRV LHRC and Neese encouraged affiliates to seek applicants as the State Committee is very concerned about vacancies. Applications for membership can be found on the NRVCS website and regarding membership requirements, Neese noted the committee can accept applications at large at this time. Neese further reported CHRIS (Comprehensive Human Rights Information System) has experienced problems over the last month. A system fix was implemented yesterday. OHR (Office of Human Rights) is considering a position that will primarily work on CHRIS, looking at cases and assisting providers with system issues. Neese asked to have the minutes reflect an error was made at the March NRV LHRC meeting with regard to a request to add a location to an existing license by FPS. The committee had been asked to postpone taking action due to a misunderstanding about the nature of the request. FPS was requesting to add a location, the Galax office, to the existing outpatient psychiatric services license and Neese recommends the committee extend affiliation at this time. Neese reported the Office of Licensing has been notified accordingly and will continue with the licensing process.

Annual Human Rights Activity Reports:

None.

Committee Members

Beth Deskins
Lori Mick
Chase Niedermayer
Rhonda Quesenberry
Joseph Roy-Stewart
Sandra Via

Members Present:

Lori Mick
Chase Niedermayer
Rhonda Quesenberry
Joseph Roy-Stewart

Members Absent:

Beth Deskins
Sandra Via

Others Present:

Bobbi Weeks
Carilion Saint Albans

Scott Worley
Creative Family Solutions

Nan Neese
DBHDS

Peter Burggraf, Greg Kleinfelder
Eagles Nest Regeneration

Laura Taylor, Trent Staton
Family Preservation

Matt Milovich, Jennifer Sherman
Intercept

Kaylei Branch
NeuroRestorative

Melissa Jackson, Heather Rupe,
Kat Saunders
NRVCS

James Armentrout
Pulaski Medical

Stephen Crawford
Safe Haven Family Svcs

Stephanie Bakely
Strengthening Our System

Amanda Craig, Keri Basham
Wall Residences

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Quarterly Human Rights Activity Reports:

Committee members received in their meeting packets, the 2014 4th Quarterly Reports from Creative Family Solutions, Family Preservation Services, Intercept Carriage House, Intercept Autumn House, Intercept Youth, NRVCS, NeuroRestorative, Safe Haven, Strengthening Our System, and Wall Residences. Committee members received by handout the 2014 4th Quarterly Report from Pulaski Medical and Carilion Saint Albans.

Quarterly reports were presented by Bobbi Weeks of Carilion Clinic St. Albans, Scott Worley of Creative Family Solutions, Laura Taylor of Family Preservation Services, Jennifer Sherman of Intercept Youth, Matt Milovich of Intercept Carriage House/Intercept Autumn House, Kaylei Branch of NeuroRestorative, Heather Rupe of NRVCS, James Armentrout of Pulaski Medical, Stephen Crawford of Safe Haven, Stephanie Bakely of Strengthening Our System, and Amanda Craig of Wall Residences. Lori Mick moved to accept the reports as presented. Joseph Roy-Stewart seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Requests for Affiliation:

Heather Rupe of NRVCS requested extension of affiliation to a new sponsored home (The Stillely/McBroom Home) at 1110 Hans Meadow Road in Christiansburg. Rupe also offered notice of a bed increase, from 6 to 7, at the REACH House in Radford and a bed increase, from 6 to 8, at New Horizons Residential Crisis Stabilization in Radford. Joseph Roy-Stewart moved to extend affiliation as requested. Lori Mick seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Jennifer Sherman of Intercept Youth requested extension of affiliation to a new location for the Roanoke Office at 5673 Airport Road in Roanoke, effective 6/15/15. Lori Mick moved to extend affiliation as requested. Rhonda Quesenberry seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Keri Basham of Wall Residences requested extension of affiliation to two new sponsored homes: the Conner Home, at 1169 Lick Ridge Road, NE, in Check and the Burnett home at 200 Alderman Street in Galax. Joseph Roy-Stewart moved to extend affiliation as requested. Rhonda Quesenberry seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Laura Taylor of FPS requested extension of affiliation to two new locations: 1650 Cambria Street in Christiansburg for administrative/outpatient offices and 126 North Locust Street in Floyd for an administrative satellite office. Taylor also requested to add a location, the Galax office, to the existing outpatient psychiatric services license as discussed in the Regional Advocate Report portion of the meeting. Lori Mick moved to extend affiliation as requested. Joseph Roy-Stewart seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Notice to Conclude Affiliations:

Keri Basham of Wall Residences requested conclusion of affiliation for two former service locations at 203 3rd Street in Radford and 5594 Homestead Lane in Riner. Rhonda Quesenberry moved to conclude affiliation as requested. Lori Mick seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Policy and Procedure Review:

Scott Worley of CFS/ResCare presented their Positive Behavior Policy, a copy of which was included in meeting packets. Joseph Roy-Stewart moved to approve the policy as presented. Rhonda Quesenberry seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Trent Staton of Family Preservation presented their Program Rules for Summer Therapeutic Day Treatment, a copy of which was included in meeting packets. Lori Mick moved to approve the Program Rules as presented. Joseph Roy-Stewart seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Kat Saunders of NRVCS presented their New Life Program Rules, a copy of which was handed out to committee members. At the request of Neese, Saunders offered an overview of the program for committee members. Saunders answered several questions and received feedback from Neese and committee members, and agreed to reorder and revise the rules using the feedback offered. Rhonda Quesenberry moved to temporarily approve the rules until the next NRV LHRC meeting in July. Joseph Roy-Stewart seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

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Closed Session:

Rhonda Quesenberry 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 designation of a proposed next friend authorized representative for an individual. Lori Mick seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

After a period of discussion, Rhonda Quesenberry moved to reconvene into public session. Joseph Roy-Stewart 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.

Having heard and reviewed evidence, and the capacity determination, and interviewed Monroe Hedrick, the proposed Next Friend, Lori Mick moved to find that the NRVCS Executive Director's Authorized Representative appointment for BP complies with regulation. Joseph Roy-Stewart seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m. The next NRV LHRC meeting is scheduled for July 9, 2015.