

LHRC Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2016

NEW RIVER VALLEY LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Welcome and Introductions:

Committee member Joseph Roy-Stewart called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. Stewart welcomed attendees and led introductions.

Public Comment:

None.

Approval of Agenda:

Genevieve King of Pulaski Medical requested one addition to the agenda: presentation of Pulaski Medical's 2016 1st Quarter Report. Stephen Crawford of Safe Haven requested two additions to the agenda: presentation of Safe Haven's 2015 Annual Report and 2016 1st Quarter Report. Amanda Craig of Wall Residences requested one addition to the agenda: extension of affiliation to a new location, the Dennis Home, at 1301 Staunton Avenue, NW in Roanoke. Stephanie Bakely of SOS requested one addition to the agenda: extension of affiliation into the Mount Rogers Service Board area. Melissa Jackson of NRVCS requested one addition to the agenda: extension of affiliation to a non-center based day support service. Lori Mick moved to approve the agenda with the additions noted. Rhonda Quesenberry seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Minutes:

Committee members received by handout the minutes from the March 10, 2016 meeting. Rhonda Quesenberry moved to approve the minutes as distributed. Lori Mick seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Regional Advocate's Report:

Dwayne Lynch, Regional Advocate for DBHDS, presented his report. Lynch announced the appointment of a new Regional Manager/Advocate, Jennifer Kovack. Lynch reported Region 3 has expanded as well and Piedmont committee providers should consult with Lynch with regard to reporting to one committee for the remainder of the year. In the future, regions will more closely align with the Office of Licensing. Lynch discussed the impact of new regulations for LHRC Committees. The new regulations will likely go into effect by the end of the year and LHRCs across the state will be reduced, but not as drastically as once thought. There will likely be 20—25 LHRCs in total, but the SHRC has not made its final decision. It is anticipated that many committees will consolidate and center around state facilities. Going forward there will be no more affiliations, but there will still be some process to ensure compliance with human rights. There will likely be 4 committees in Region 3 and existing committees are anticipated to merge together in geographical areas. Lynch noted Advocates have not been focused on committee member recruitment lately as there are several issues to be resolved and SHRC guidance if needed. Committee members interested in continuing service on a committee should consult with Lynch. In the future, committees will focus on review of items that require immediate attention like next friend requests, treatment plan reviews, hearings, and variance requests. Lynch noted multiple restrictions and restrictions imposed longer than 7 days will require committee approval. Committees will consist of 9 members and may meet quarterly or every other month. Lynch reminded attendees all information regarding future LHRC structure is tentative as the SHRC has made no final decisions. Committee members are encouraged to attend meetings the remainder of the year and it's "business as usual" until the new regs go into effect. Lynch noted proposed regulations can be reviewed online. In response to questions from providers in attendance, Lynch reported new Regional Manager/Advocate, Jennifer Kovack does not work out of SWVMHI and will not be the assigned advocate for southwest. The Office of Human Rights plans to hire another advocate, but the timetable is unknown. Providers are encouraged to continue to contact Lynch with issues and email is the best method for contact. Providers should reference unnamed "Advocate" on Human Rights notices, and continue to reference the toll free phone number and physical address currently listed.

Committee Members

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

Members Present:

Lori Mick
Rhonda Quesenberry
Joseph Roy-Stewart

Members Absent:

Chase Niedermayer
Sandra Via

Others Present:

Amanda Craig, Kari Zoller
Wall Residences

Kaylei Branch, Mike Holton
NeuroRestorative

Molly Christopher, Melissa Jackson, Heather Rupe
NRVCS

Stephanie Bakely
Strengthening Our System

Dwayne Lynch
DBHDS

Danielle Johnson, Kim Folden
Intercept

Stephen Crawford
Safe Haven Family Svcs.

Genevieve King
Pulaski Medical

Laura Taylor
Family Preservation

Ellen Dalton-Ward, Michael Turner
Carilion St. Albans

Peter Burggraf
Eagle's Nest

Charlotte Gill
George Mason University

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Annual Human Rights Activity Reports:

Eagle's Nest and Safe Haven presented their 2015 Annual Reports. After a period of discussion, Lori Mick moved to approve the reports as presented. Rhonda Quesenberry seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Quarterly Human Rights Activity Reports:

Representatives of each provider presented 2016 Q1 Reports and responded to committee member questions when asked. Rhonda Quesenberry moved to approve the reports as presented. Lori Mick seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Requests for Affiliation:

Laura Taylor of Family Preservation Services requested extension of affiliation for TDT Summer Services at: Scott Memorial Middle School, 950 South 7th Street in Wytheville; Spiller Elementary School, 330 Tazewell St. in Wytheville; and First Baptist Church, 1401 N. Main Street in Hillsville. Lori Mick moved to extend affiliation as requested. Rhonda Quesenberry seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Heather Rupe of NRVCS requested extension of affiliation to a new sponsored home, the Keith Home, at 237 Meadows Farm Road in Willis. Rhonda Quesenberry moved to extend affiliation as requested. Lori Mick seconded the motion which was unanimously approved. Rupe also offered notice of a licensure modification for a non-center based day support service.

Stephanie Bakely of SOS requested extension of affiliation into the Mount Rogers service area. Lori Mick moved to extend affiliation as requested. Rhonda Quesenberry seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Amanda Craig of Wall Residences requested extension of affiliation to two new location, the Robinson Home, at 608 Joy Ranch Rd. in Woodlawn and the Dennis Home at 1301 Staunton Ave., NW in Roanoke. Rhonda Quesenberry moved to extend affiliation as requested. Lori Mick seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Notice to Conclude Affiliations:

Heather Rupe of NRVCS requested conclusion of affiliation at the Jones Host Home at 3724 Case Knife Road in Pulaski and the Ward HART Home at 5061 Southern Drive in Dublin. Rhonda Quesenberry moved to conclude affiliations as requested. Lori Mick seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Policy and Procedure Review:

Jennifer Sherman of Intercept Youth introduced Charlotte Gill of George Mason University. Gill provided additional information on the grant work related to a study of Roanoke County's Police response to individuals in a mental health crisis. Gill noted institutional review board approval has been received and discussed the purpose of the study, recruitment, participation, Intercept's role, privacy/confidentiality issues as well as informed consent issues. Jennifer Sherman reported the committee will receive updates as the study is performed.

Heather Rupe of NRVCS presented their Medical Records Policy and noted an update to the policy includes updated language around access to medical records which is more in line with regulations. Lori moved to approve the policy as presented. Rhonda Quesenberry seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

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 conduct interviews for two Next Friend AR appointments by NRVCS. 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.

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Joseph Roy-Stewart moved to approve the NRVCS Executive Director's designation of a Next Friend Authorized Representative for RH. Rhonda Quesenberry seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Regional Advocate Dwayne Lynch noted the Next Friend Authorized Representative candidate for DF did not meet the regulatory requirement that the proposed next friend has shared a residence with the individual, or has had regular contact with the individual, for a period of six months within two years prior to the designation.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m. The next NRV LHRC meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2016.