

LHRC Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2015

NEW RIVER VALLEY LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Welcome and Introductions:

Chair, Chase Niedermayer called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Niedermayer welcomed attendees and led introductions. The committee welcomed Deb Lochart, State Human Rights Director.

Public Comment:

None.

Approval of Agenda:

Heather Rupe of NRVCS requested one addition to the agenda, extension of affiliation to the McBroom Home at a new location. Sandra Via moved to approve the agenda with the addition noted. Lori Mick seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Minutes:

Committee members received in their packets the minutes from the July 9, 2015 meeting. Lori Mick moved to approve the minutes as distributed. Lori Quesenberry seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Regional Advocate's Report:

Nan Neese, Regional Advocate for DBHDS, presented her report and together with Lochart shared announcements and updates. Neese reminded providers and committee members there are still two vacancies on the NRV LHRC and recruitment is important. The SHRC is reviewing membership at every meeting. Applications are available on the NRVCS website or from Neese. Vacancies are for membership at large. Neese distributed a handout with instructions for accessing training opportunities on DBHDS's website. Neese called attention to a community abuse/neglect investigation training. Parts one and two in the three-part series are available now. A manual and supplemental forms will be available after the third part of the series is published. Neese also discussed other trainings available from the office of quality risk management and providers/members are encouraged to access them. Neese reported the SHRC will be in the NRV region tomorrow. Carilion New River Valley Medical Center with Saint Albans is hosting the meeting and Neese distributed copies of the agenda to committee members. Neese noted the best time to interact and be introduced is during the 9:00 a.m. call to order and welcome. The 9:30 a.m. session will be an open session but the committee will likely go into closed session by 10:00 a.m. The meeting will likely re-open for a public comment period around 11:30 a.m. During lunch, The Lynchburg Story, a video on the issue of eugenics, will be presented. Neese noted the SHRC will also be considering the Region 3 annual report and will return to closed session later in the day to consider membership appointments. Neese encouraged committee members to attend.

Annual Human Rights Activity Reports:

The 2014 Annual Human Rights Activity Reports of Family Preservation Services (FPS) and New River Valley Community Services (NRVCS) were included in meeting packets. Reports were presented by Laura Taylor of FPS and Heather Rupe of NRVCS. Sandra Via moved to approve the reports as presented. Lori Mick seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Committee Members

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

Members Present:

Lori Mick
Chase Niedermayer
Rhonda Quesenberry
Sandra Via

Members Absent:

Joseph Roy-Stewart

Others Present:

Mike Turner, Bobbi Weeks
Carilion Saint Albans

Scott Worley, Joanna Vernon
Creative Family Solutions

Nan Neese, B. J. McKnight,
Dwayne Lynch, Deb Lochart
DBHDS

Matt Milovich,
Jennifer Sherman
Intercept

Carrie Browder, Melissa
Jackson, Heather Rupe
NRVCS

Stephen Crawford, Pat Sexton
Safe Haven Family Svcs.

Stephanie Bakely
Strengthening Our System

Genevieve King
Pulaski Medical

Laura Taylor, Jennifer Turner,
Natalie Garner
Family Preservation Svcs.

Kaylei Branch, Lisa Bond
NeuroRestorative

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Quarterly Human Rights Activity Reports:

The 2015 Q2 Reports of Creative Family Solutions, Family Preservation, Intercept Youth, Intercept Autumn House, Intercept Carriage House, Neuro Restorative, NRVCS, Safe Haven, Strengthening Our System, and Wall Residences were included in meeting packets. A representative for each provider, with the exception of Wall Residences, summarized their report and offered to answer questions from the committee. After summaries were presented, Sandra Via moved to accept the 2015 Q2 Reports as distributed in meeting packets. Lori Mick seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Requests for Affiliation:

Laura Taylor of Family Preservation requested extension of affiliation to a new TDT school-based site and a therapeutic after school site at William Fleming High School (3649 Ferncliff Avenue, Roanoke). Rhonda Quesenberry moved to extend affiliation as requested. Sandra Via seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Heather Rupe of NRVCS requested extension of affiliation to a new location to provide a CIT Assessment/Drop Off location at 1201 West Main Street, Radford, to a new location for the McBroom Sponsored Home at 315 Park St, Christiansburg, and offered notice of an increase of beds, from 10 to 12, at New Life Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Center at 7193 Warden Court, Radford. Rupe discussed the CIT program and Regional Advocate Nan Neese discussed a new alternative transportation program. There being no further discussion, Sandra Via moved to extend affiliation as requested. Lori Mick seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Wall Residences requested extension of affiliation to two new services via letter, the Hodges and Willis Home at 3835 Darlington Road, SW, Roanoke and the Brown Home at 3884 Prices Fork Road, Blacksburg. Sandra Via moved to extend affiliation as requested. Rhonda Quesenberry seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Notice to Conclude Affiliations:

None.

Policy and Procedure Review:

Carrie Browder of NRVCS presented their Review of Informed Consent Policy, a copy of which was included in meeting packets. After a period of discussion, Lori Mick 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 review one restrictive plan for NRVCS, Plan NRVCS-1-2015. Lori Mick seconded the motion which was unanimously approved. After a period of discussion, Rhonda Quesenberry moved to reconvene into public session. Sandra Via 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.

Sandra Via moved to approve the restrictive plan NRVCS-1-2015 until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the NRV LHRC. Lori Mick seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Adjournment:

Prior to adjournment, Deb Lochart recognized the importance of the work the LHRC does and thanked the committee members for their service. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m. The next NRV LHRC meeting is scheduled for November 11, 2015.