

# LHRC Meeting Minutes

# November 12, 2009

NEW RIVER VALLEY LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

**Welcome and Introductions:** Chairman Yannis Stivachtis called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. He welcomed everyone and led introductions.

### **Minutes:**

Lori Mick noted that the acronym beside Nan Neese's name was wrong. There being no further discussion regarding the minutes from the September 10, 2009 meeting, Mick motioned to accept the minutes with one noted correction. Beth Deskins seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

### **Regional Advocate's Report:**

Nan Neese, Regional Human Rights Advocate, announced that her coverage area will be changing again in January. She noted that this area will remain Region III, and Piedmont CSB will return to Region VI. The budget situation continues to be a challenge.

Neese noted that the committee would be looking at the current affiliation agreements later in the meeting. She encouraged the committee to consider how often providers are reporting to the committee. She was concerned that the annual reports to the committee were not sufficient.

Neese also brought up a suggestion from the State Human Rights Director regarding committee budgets being made available to providers on a regular basis. The committee agreed to have Kerri Beasley send financial statement to affiliates in November in preparation for renewal of affiliations.

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

Natalie Irvine of Braley and Thompson presented their annual report. Irvine gave an overview of the services offered in their programs and the populations. Deskins motioned to accept the report presented by Braley and Thompson. Mick seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Mike Turner with Carilion Behavioral Health presented their annual report. Turner noted services offered and populations served. He also noted all incidents reported to the Office of Human Rights over the last calendar year. At the conclusion of the report, Mick addressed an area of concern regarding restraints. Turner addressed the question based on their policy and the human rights regulations. Rhonda Quesenberry motioned to accept the annual report given by Carilion Behavioral Health. Deskins seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

### **Requests for Affiliation:**

First topic of discussion for the committee under affiliations was the current affiliate agreement. Nan reminded the committee that she is concerned about the reporting on an annual basis. She recommended that under the reporting requirements that the committee add a statement that it is expected that an affiliate will report, at the next regularly scheduled meeting, any violations or citations. The other consideration was who the committee "generally" grants affiliation. There was minimal discussion around the current affiliation fee as well. With all of those things considered, the committee agreed to have Neese and Beasley work on incorporating those changes into the current agreement. Beasley noted that she will have those ready to go out to affiliates by December 1, 2009.

### **Committee Members**

Yannis Stivachtis  
Chase Niedermayer  
Lori Mick  
Rhonda Quesenberry  
Beth Deskins

### **Members Present:**

Yannis Stivachtis—Chair  
Lori Mick  
Beth Deskins  
Rhonda Quesenberry

### **Members Absent:**

Chase Niedermayer

### **Others Present:**

Ivan Velickovic—Lakeview  
Blue Ridge  
Keri Basham—Wall Residences  
Stephanie Bakely—Wall Residences  
Casey Henshaw—Family Preservation Services  
Mike Turner—Carilion Behavioral Health  
Elizabeth Wade—Carilion Behavioral Health  
Natalie Irvine—Braley & Thompson  
Melissa Poindexter—Creative Family Solutions  
John Weatherspoon—Intercept Youth Services  
Julie Sears—Camelot  
Tim Lowell—Camelot  
Lucy McCandlish—NRVCS  
Kat McClinton—NRVCS  
Paula Olinger—NRVCS  
Nan Neese—DBHDS  
Kerri Beasley—Secretary

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Kerri Beasley with NRVCS offered notification of closure of the Jessica Stevers Home, as well as notification of location change of the Turner Home.

Keri Basham with Wall Residences requested the committee extend affiliation to the Carolyn Casey Service at 1748 Meadows Rd., Vinton. Deskins motioned to extend affiliation to the new service. Mick seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Tim of Camelot reported that due to an emergency situation the boys group home in Roanoke had to move to the property in Radford. This home serves 8 boys between the ages of 12 to 17 years of age. This home was affiliated with the Roanoke LHRC and licensed through the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services. Camelot is requesting affiliation with the New River Valley LHRC due to the location change. Mick motioned to extend affiliation to the Radford Home of Camelot of Virginia. Deskins seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

### **Policy and Procedure Review:**

Kat McClinton, supervisor of New Life Recovery Center, presented the committee with a request for a policy amendment regarding visitation. Quesenberry offered request for clarification. McClinton gave more details about her need to have more control over the individuals that are coming into the therapeutic environment of the house. There being no further discussion, Deskins motioned that the policy amendment be approved by the committee. Quesenberry seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

### **Closed Session:**

Deskins motioned that the committee convene in a closed meeting pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711 A(4) and (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 a review of an individualized service plan. Mick seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously by roll call.

Following a period of discussion, Deskins made a motion that the committee reconvene into public session. Mick seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously by roll call. Upon reconvening in open session, the members individually certified that only such public business matters identified in the motion for closed session were heard, discussed, and considered

Back in open session, Deskins motioned that the committee approve the plans presented by NRVCS, Wall Residences and Lakeview Blue Ridge, with a review of plans from NRVCS and Wall Residences in six months. The plan from Lakeview is approved until the meeting in January. The committee would like to extend an invitation to the participant to express his concerns to the committee if he so chooses. Quesenberry seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m. The next LHRC meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2010 at 12:00 p.m. An e-mail confirmation will be distributed to members and affiliates closer to the date of the meeting.