

LHRC Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2009

NEW RIVER VALLEY LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Welcome and Introductions: Chairman Yannis Stivachtis called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. He welcomed everyone and led introductions.

Minutes:

There being no discussion regarding the minutes from the May 14, 2009 meeting, Lori Mick motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Chase Niedermayer seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Regional Advocate's Report:

Nan Neese, Regional Human Rights Advocate, reported that the advocate for the Roanoke area, Adrien Monte, resigned to return to clinical work. Nan reported that she will be covering a lot in the Roanoke area, so this committee will be working with both Nan and B.J. McKnight, who is also in attendance today. Neese also stated that the Chairperson, Kirby Wright, sent a letter to all LHRC committees asking them to encourage providers to help with recruitment of committee members. Especially in regards to consumer representation. If there is interest, NRVCS website has a link to the LHRC application and information packet.

Neese asked the committee if they had any feedback on the affiliate agreement that was reviewed at the May meeting. Kerri will send the current agreements out to all of the committee members for review prior to the September meeting.

Human Rights Activity Reports:

Parris Stafford with Strengthening Our Systems presented their annual report to the committee. The report touched on the services that the agency provides, the population it works with, as well as human rights issues. At the conclusion of the report there were some brief discussion. Niedermayer motioned to accept the report as presented. Mick seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Keri Basham with Wall Residences presented her report to the committee. There were a couple of questions asked by committee members, with brief discussion. Following the discussion, Mick motioned to accept the report as presented. Quesenberry seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Teresa Poole with Lakeview Blue Ridge began presenting their annual report Neese noted that the report had not reached the committee due to not being sent to committee secretary, Beasley. Poole apologized, and Neese asked if the report could be postponed again until the September meeting. Beasley will add this report to the September agenda.

Requests for Affiliation:

Casey Henshaw with Family Preservation services requested extension of affiliation for Therapeutic Day Treatment at Galax Head Start, Fort Chiswell High School and Scott Memorial Middle School. Quesenberry motioned to extend affiliation to the schools previously listed. Niedermayer seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Committee Members

Yannis Stivachtis

Chase Niedermayer

Lori Mick

Rhonda Quesenberry

Beth Deskins

Members Present:

Yannis Stivachtis—Chair

Chase Niedermayer

Lori Mick

Rhonda Quesenberry

Beth Deskins

Members Absent:

Others Present:

Teresa Poole—Lakeview

Blue Ridge

Victoria Harding— Lakeview

Blue Ridge

Keri Basham— Wall Residences

Melissa Wall—Wall Residences

Casey Henshaw—Family Preservation Services

Molly Hunter-Sloan—

Family Preservation Services

Parris Stafford—

Strengthening Our Systems

Melissa Poindexter—

Creative Family Solutions

Nan Neese—DBHDD

B.J. McKnight—DBHDD

Kerri Beasley—Secretary

Mary Lester

Jeff Lester

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Kerri Beasley with NRVCS requested extension of affiliation to a new Hart home located at 118 Bag End Place, Narrows, VA. Niedermayer motioned to extend affiliation to the Gagliano Home. Mick seconded the motion which was approved unanimously. Beasley also notified the committee of a site location change effective July 6th, 2009. Quesenberry motioned to accept notification of location change on the Pokharel Home to 1107 E. Roanoke St., Blacksburg, VA. Niedermayer seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Keri Basham with Wall Residences notified the committee of the closure of the Limke Home. Mick motioned to accept notification of location closure. Niedermayer seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Closed Session:

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

Following a period of discussion, Mick made a motion that the committee reconvene into public session. Niedermayer 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, Beth Deskins motioned that the committee accept the sub-committee's report of approval of the plan presented. Niedermayer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m. The next LHRC meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. An e-mail confirmation will be distributed to members and affiliates closer to the date of the meeting.