

LHRC Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2014

NEW RIVER VALLEY LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Welcome and Introductions:

Chairperson Beth Deskins called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. Deskins welcomed attendees and led introductions.

Public Comment:

Stephanie Bakely of Strengthening Our System announced the Human Rights Policy included in committee member meeting packets requires further revision. Regional Advocate, Nan Neese, invited members to offer feedback on the policy as presented. Committee member Lori Mick offered several comments. Bakely answered questions for Mick and thanked Mick for her feedback. Bakely noted the policy will be revised and presented to the LHRC for review in the near future.

Approval of Agenda:

Stephanie Bakely requested removal of the Strengthening Our System Human Rights Policy. Lucy McCandlish of NRVCS requested two additions to the agenda: extension of affiliation for a new sponsored home (Long home) and follow up discussion on the NRVCS intensive outpatient service. Keri Basham of Wall Residences requested three additions to the agenda: extension of affiliation for two new sponsored homes (Vickers home and Hobson home) and conclusion of affiliation for a sponsored home (Hutchens home). Lori Mick moved to approve the agenda with the changes noted above. Sandra Via seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Minutes:

Committee members received in their packets the minutes from the November 14, 2013 meeting. Melissa Jackson of NRVCS requested information on motions made following the closed session at the November 14th meeting. After a period of discussion, Nan Neese reported the minutes should reflect all 3 plans discussed during the closed session were concluded. Lori Mick noted the next meeting date referenced in the minutes was incorrect. Lori Mick moved to approve the minutes with the changes noted above. Rhonda Quesenberry seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Regional Advocate's Report:

Nan Neese, Regional Advocate, presented her report. Neese distributed copies of the draft 2014 Cooperative Agreement, as proposed by the SHRC. Neese reported the CHRIS system can accept data from all operating systems as of last Tuesday. Therefore, all complaint, allegation and serious injury reporting should now be entered in the CHRIS system. Neese reported she is now in the process of compiling the 2013 report for the SHRC using both electronic and paper records. Neese noted the SHRC has requested providers use CHRIS reporting tools for LHRC reporting and a memo has been distributed advising providers which system reports to use. Neese announced it has been suggested that a different report, available in CHRIS, might be better and Neese has asked consideration of the report from the SHRC. Neese hopes to have clarification on the issue before the 2014 first quarterly report is due. Neese asked providers to review the reporting tools and make any recommendations to the committee. Neese will also provide report examples to committee members at the March meeting. Neese reported on a committee orientation/training at Catawba in December and offered to share a video from the training on the subject of the Freedom of Information Act. Neese asked provider to review the 2014 Cooperative Agreement and report any errors/changes. Providers will receive electronic copies via email and will be asked to complete and return the last page. Neese noted providers should include a copy of their rights information/notice to consumers in the 2014 Annual Report to the committee. Though not discussed at this time, Neese later reminded providers that Annual Restraint Reports are due to the Department by January 15th.

Committee Members

Jeanetta Beamer
Beth Deskins
Lori Mick
Chase Niedermayer
Rhonda Quesenberry
Sandra Via

Members Present:

Sandra Via
Beth Deskins
Rhonda Quesenberry
Lori Mick

Members Absent:

Jeanetta Beamer
Chase Niedermayer

Others Present:

Mike Hunter, Rhiannon
Violette, Stephanie Lane
Creative Family Solutions

James Armentrout
Pulaski Medical

Nan Neese
DBHDS

Jennifer Sherman,
Intercept

Laura Taylor
Family Preservation Svcs.

Stephanie Bakely,
Strengthening Our System

Keri Basham, Tonya Nash
Wall Residences

Lucy McCandlish,
Melissa Jackson
NRVCS

Lisa Bond
NeuroRestorative

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Annual Human Rights Activity Reports:

None.

Quarterly Human Rights Activity Reports:

None.

Requests for Affiliation:

Lucy McCandlish requested an extension of affiliation for a new sponsored home (Long home) and confirmed Mount Rogers CSB has been notified we are operating in their area. Rhonda Quesenberry moved to extend affiliation as requested. Lori Mick seconded the motion which was unanimously approved. McCandlish requested an extension of affiliation to include a new location for a group home (Freestone 3 to 95 Gibson Drive Christiansburg, VA 24073). Lori Mick moved to extend affiliation as noted. Rhonda Quesenberry seconded the motion which was unanimously approved. McCandlish offered notice of a change in the number of beds for a group home (Freestone 2, increasing to 5 beds). Lori Mick moved to accept the notice as noted. Sandra Via seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Keri Basham of Wall Residences requested an extension of affiliation for two new sponsored homes (Vickers home and Hobson home). Lori Mick moved to extend affiliation as requested. Sandra Via seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Lucy McCandlish discussed the NRVCS Intensive Outpatient service. Nan Neese reminded the committee that at the time of the November meeting, the service had not yet gone through the process of license verification and affiliation had been granted until today's meeting. Neese noted Licensing has moved forward and conducted a review, but there will be program rules that must be reviewed and approved by the committee before being put into operation. Licensing has given the program the option of starting operation without program rules until such time as the program rules can be reviewed/approved by the LHRC. Neese recommended the committee grant affiliation as such, with the service operating without program rules and the program rules will be on the March agenda. Sandra Via moved to grant affiliation as noted. Rhonda Quesenberry seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Notice to Conclude Affiliations:

Keri Basham of Wall Residences offered notice of conclusion of service at a sponsored home (Hutchens home). Lori Mick moved to conclude affiliation at the Hutchens home. Rhonda Quesenberry seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Policy and Procedure Review:

None.

Closed Session:

None.

2014 Meeting Schedule:

Committee members received by handout a proposed 2014 meeting schedule for the NRV LHRC. Lori Mick moved to approve the schedule as presented. Sandra Via seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:48 p.m. The next LHRC meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2014.