

BLUE RIDGE REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MINUTES FEBRUARY 25, 2008

The Blue Ridge Regional Human Rights Committee met, Monday, February 25, 2008 at 3:30 PM at The Burrell Center at 611 McDowell Avenue.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rebecca Baker, Chair
Lynn Lawson
Geraldine Cleary

REGIONAL ADVOCATE

Nan Neese, Advocate

AFFILIATES REPRESENTED

Alleghany Highlands CSB – Betty Crance
Bethany Hall – Denise Yopp
Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare – Betty Bingham – Tim Steller – Helen Lang
Blue Ridge Residential Services – Kelly Murphy
Braley Thompson – Lisa McDowell
Carilion – Mala Kessler – Carolyn Ciland
Cee Breeze – Enzie Abbott – Marc Buch – Tameka Walloe
Dominion Youth Services – Jennifer Jenkins
Family Preservation – Ann Minnix
Family Services of Roanoke Valley – Vickie Haynie
Goodwill Industries – Linda St. Clair
Hope Tree Family Services – Will Childers – Linda Hammed – Nicole Lovell
ICS, Inc – Bo Miller
Intercept – Steve Benasher
Lamano Agency – Diane Exner
Lewis Gale Behavioral Health – Leigh Frazier
Madeline Centre – Michael R. Wise
Mayo Residential – Lanell Otey
Mt. Regis – Ronda Boutte
National Counseling Group – Deborah Lewis
Roanoke Treatment Center – Letitia Malone

AGENDA

See attached

MINUTES

1. Call to order/welcome

Rebecca Baker, Chair called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

2. **Introductions**

Committee members and affiliates in attendance introduced themselves.

Due to the lack of quorum at this time Nan Neese, Advocate discussed recruitment for the Advocate position. They have gone through the process of interviews, but at this time due to the budget, the position is not going to be filled at this time.

ACTION AGENDA

3. **Approval of minutes of December 10, 2007**

Lynn Lawson moved the minutes of December 10, 2007 be approved as Circulated; Geri Cleary seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

4. **Carilion – Request for affiliation of a new Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Program to begin April 1, 2008 – Mala Kesler presenting**

Ms. Kesler presented the highlights from the handbook that has been developed for this new program and answered all questions from committee members. Visitation and access to phones at this time is a question that involves variance and Ms. Neese requested this be brought before the April committee meeting.

Geri Cleary motioned temporary affiliation be extended until the April meeting; Lynn Lawson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

5. **Lewis Gale – Restraint Policy changes – Leigh Frazier**

Leigh Frazier presented the changes that have been made to the restraint policy. A “cheat sheet” is available in the Committee Packet.

6. **Cee Breeze – Request for permanent affiliation and review of Corrective Action Plan**

All citations in the Corrective Action Plan have been addressed. There was a licensing visit in January and the annual license was received.

Lynn Lawson motioned permanent affiliation be granted; Geri Cleary seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

It was noted that Baker’s Home is being phased out. Notification to the Committee should be received prior to the April meeting. An Annual Report should also be presented at that time.

7. **Request for affiliation – ABL (A Better Life Counseling Services, LLC)**

Shenetta Reid appeared before the Committee to request affiliation. She gave an overview of the services being offered. The Corrective Action Plan received from Anita Shelton-Mitchum has been completed and all staff have received TOVA training. More policies will be forthcoming.

Geri Cleary motioned temporary affiliation be granted until the April meeting; Lynn Lawson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

8. **Lamano Agency – Request for affiliation of another sponsored residential site**

Diane Exner is requesting the Committee to oversee the Christiansburg site that receives services from the same provider as a Vinton site. It is a very unique situation and would be in the best interest of the client. There would be one liaison and one report for both sites.

Nan Neese noted a written request come to the Committee when a new site is being added. They will bring it before the April meeting.

9. **Annual Report**

Virginia Baptist Family Services aka Hope Tree Family Services
Bethany Hall
Lewis Gale Behavioral Health
Roanoke Treatment Center

The above providers appeared before the Committee and presented their annual reports.

The following providers did not appear as scheduled and will be moved to the April meeting:

Didlake (no Annual Report was received)
Austin-Miller (Called; had to be away today)
Fidura and Associates (no show)

10. **Advocate Report**

Nan noted if providers have any changes i.e. name changes, new sites, new services, changes in licensing, the Human Rights Advocate must be notified immediately in writing and then submit a letter to the Committee for the next regularly scheduled committee meeting agenda. Once this has been completed you can submit the letter with the licensing modification form so licensing is aware you are on the next agenda. Also providers that are on provisional license or corrective action status may not make changes to their programs.

Make sure reports continue as they have in the past. Sonia's phone messages are going to Nan to be addressed.

11. **New Business**

Due to the increase in workload, there is a request before the Committee to increase the Admin Support rate of pay from \$12 to \$15 per hour. Lynn Lawson motioned this change be made and it was seconded by Geri Cleary and carried unanimously.

Strategic Therapy Associates is out of compliance and they have no clients at this time. There is a request to discontinue their affiliation at this time and they can reapply. Geri Cleary motioned the affiliation be discontinued; Lynn Lawson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Bo Miller came before the Committee to inform of a new location that opened December 3. He was not able to come before the Committee in December due to illness. He will bring the documentation to the Committee in April.

12. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM

Rebecca Baker – Chair

Date signed

Recorder

Date signed