

BLUE RIDGE REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MINUTES

APRIL 14, 2008

The Blue Ridge Regional Human Rights Committee met on Monday April 14, 2008 at 3:30 PM at The Burrell Center located at 611 McDowell Avenue.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rebecca Baker, Chair
Lynn Lawson
Geraldine Cleary

REGIONAL ADVOCATE

Nan Neese, Advocate

AFFILIATES REPRESENTED

A better Life Counseling Services
AMRSS
Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare
Blue Ridge Residential Services
Carilion
Cee-Breeze
CHIP
Dominion Day Services
Fidura & Associates
East Mental Health Services
Didlake
Hall Community Services
Key Living Options
Family Services Roanoke Valley
Family Preservation Services
Lewis Gale Behavioral Health
The Madeline Center, Inc.
Mayo Residential Services
Innovative Community Services
National counseling Services

MINUTES

1. Call to order/welcome

Rebecca Baker, Chair called the meeting to order at 3:40 PM

2. Introductions

Committee members and affiliates in attendance introduced themselves.

3. Public Comment

It's About Time – Mitzi Tuck attended the meeting to observe. They are in the process of getting licensed. Jenny Jones and Beth Smith were also in attendance to observe.

It was reported that Carilion Adolescent Center will be opening May 1st.

ACTION AGENDA

4. **Approval of February 25, 2008 minutes**

Geri Cleary moved to approve the minutes of February 25, 2008 and the motion was seconded by Lynn Lawson and it carried unanimously.

5. **Austin-Miller Residential Support Services** – Request for affiliation for mental health supports license – Tina Austin

Lynn Lawson moved the affiliation for the new service be approved and it was seconded by Geri Cleary and it carried unanimously.

6. **Blue Ridge Residential Services** – unable to attend; requesting the addition of 2 new sponsored homes. Licensing requires the Committee be notified before the request come to licensing. Geri Cleary moved to accept the material in the packet as the request and Lynn Lawson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Kelly Murphy will appear before the Committee in August.

7. **Dominion Youth Services** – Request to extend current affiliation to cover a new site; Northridge House of Dominion Youth Services – Jennifer Jenkins

Jennifer requested affiliation be extended to cover the new site, which is a home for girls. The Committee requested she return in August with a detailed report for both homes.

Lynn Lawson moved to extend the affiliation to cover the new facility: Geri Cleary seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

8. **EHS** –Request for affiliation to be extended for their Outpatient license – Jennifer Gobble

Jennifer detailed the new service they have been licensed to provide; physician directed psychiatric residential services. At this time the services are based on in Roanoke.

Lynn Lawson motioned the affiliation be extended to cover this service; Geri Cleary seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA BREAK:

Nan Neese, Advocate reported that Adrian Monti, the new Regional Advocate would be attending the meeting in June.

9. A Better Life Counseling Services – Shenetta Reid

Ms. Reid appeared before the Committee to make a progress report and request continued affiliation. A conditional license has been granted through the Office of Licensing and Nan Neese noted revisions continue to be worked on within the policies and procedures.

Lynn Lawson motioned the temporary affiliation be extended for 6 months: Geri Cleary seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Ms. Reid will report back in October.

10. Annual Reports

The following Annual Reports were submitted:

Fidura and Associates

Austin Miller Residential Support Services

Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare

Carilion Behavioral Health

CHIP

Didlake – Nan requested Jackie White take back to the agency the question as to why there was no licensing citation and corrective action taken on a reported complaint

Family Preservation

Hall Community Services – Nan stated she would speak with Mark Smith next week regarding the work based program and being out of compliance with policies and procedures.

Innovative Community Services

Key Living Options

11. Advocate Report

Nan reported the Roanoke Advocate position has been filled and she is on board. Her name is Adrian Monti and she will attend the June meeting to observe.

Nan also noted that Carilion and Lewis Gale Behavioral affiliation will be transferred to the Catawba Human Rights Committee.

Goodwill, Hall, CHIP, Key Living have not submitted Policies and Procedures. Nan reminded affiliates in attendance that they are out of compliance; she also reminded them that they should be operational policies and procedures.

In discussing out of compliance affiliates, a decision was made to send a letter to those who have not attended a meeting to present their annual report. Rebecca Baker will draft a letter and Betsy will put it on Committee letterhead.

12. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM

Next meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2008

Rebecca Baker, Chair

Date signed

Recorder

Date signed