

**BLUE RIDGE REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MINUTES
AUGUST 13, 2007**

The Blue Ridge Regional Human Rights Committee met Monday, August 13, 2007 at 3:30 PM at The Burrell Center at 611 McDowell Avenue.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rebecca Baker, Vice Chairman
Lynn Lawson
Geraldine Cleary

MEMBERS ABSENT

Christene Montgomery

REGIONAL ADVOCATE

Sonia Smith, Advocate

ADMIN SUPPORT

Betsy Walker

AFFILIATES REPRESENTED

Alleghany Highlands CSB – Betty Crance
Avenues to Recovery – Wren Starkey
Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare – Betty Bingham
Blue Ridge Residential – Richard Gilman
Braley & Thompson – Lisa McDowell
Carilion – Mala Kesler
CHIP – Ali Hamed
DePaul Family Services – Debbie McIvor
EHS – Jennifer Gobble – Quill Giles
Family Services of Roanoke Valley – Vickie Haynie
Family Preservation – Ann Minnix
Goodwill – Linda St. Clair
Hope Tree Family Scvs (formerly VA Baptist) – Jennifer Mays – Linda Hammed
Lewis Gail Behavioral Health – Leigh Frazier
Lutheran Family Services – Gary Wilburn
Mayo Residential – Edna Vernon – Agnes Manning
Minnick Education Center – Gary Wilburn
Mt. Regis Center – Ronda Boutte
Roanoke League of Therapists – Gail Paysour
Total Life Counseling – Steve Price

AGENDA

See attached

MINUTES

1. Call to order/welcome

Rebecca Baker, Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

2. Introductions

Committee members and attending affiliates introduced themselves.

INFORMATION AGENDA

3. Approval of minutes of June 4, 2007

Geraldine Cleary motioned the minutes of June 4, 2007 be approved as Presented, Lynn Lawson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

4. Election of new Chair and Vice Chair

Geraldine Cleary motioned Rebecca Baker become Chair for the Committee, Lynn Lawson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Rebecca Baker motioned Lynn Lawson become the Vice Chair of the Committee, Geraldine Cleary seconded the motioned and it carried unanimously.

5. Request for affiliation: The Madeline Centre – Justin Berkley

Justin Berkley gave a brief overview of The Madeline Centre and the service it provides. They are based out of Lynchburg and have been serving the Southside area. Their policies and procedures have been reviewed and approved by Human Rights Committees in those areas.

Lynn Lawson motioned affiliation be approved, Geraldine Cleary seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

6. Request for affiliation: Dominion Youth Services – Molly Cheek

Molly Cheek gave an overview of the services Dominion Youth Services will be providing in this area. They are opening a group home for boys in Roanoke. There policies and procedures have been previously reviewed and approved by another locality.

Lynn Lawson motioned affiliation be approved, Geraldine Cleary seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INFORMATION AGENDA

7. **Carilion Behavioral Health Use of Restraint review**

Mala Kesler gave an overview of the Restraint Policy and answered questions from the Committee. She clarified the use of shackles, stating Carilion does not use shackles; however there are times patients are brought to their facility for treatment in shackles from regional jails. Committee members voted acceptance of the policy.

8. **Annual Reports**

The following affiliates presented their annual reports:

Alleghany Highlands CSB
Braley & Thompson
DePaul Family Services
Mayo Residential
Total Life Counseling, Inc.
Lutheran Family Services
Minnick Education Center
Mt. Regis

Avenues to Recovery
Family Services of Rke Valey
EHS
Roanoke League of Therapitsts
Blue Ridge Residential
National Counseling Group
CHIP
Goodwill

Each presenter gave a brief overview of the services they provide in this area and answered questions from the Committee members.

9. **Advocate Report**

In April Bethany Hall and Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare presented their variance reports for the Substance Abuse programs. The variances limits phone calls and visits for participants of the programs. The variances went before the State Human Rights Committee in June and were accepted.

The Governor has signed the new Human Rights Regulations and they will go into effect September 19, 2007. They are on the website at this time with track changes.

Sonia reminded Committee members of the Human Rights training in Richmond in September.

Sonia distributed the Human Writes newsletter.

10. **New Business**

In an effort to recruit Committee members Sonia has mailed out several

applications. The Committee needs five members.

11. **Next meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 8.

12. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Chair

Date signed

Recorder

Date signed