

BLUE RIDGE REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE AGENDA OCTOBER 8, 2007

The Blue Ridge Regional Human Rights Committee met Monday, October 8, 2008 at 3:30 PM at The Burrell Center at 611 McDowell Avenue.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rebecca Baker, Chair
Lynn Lawson
Geraldine Cleary

MEMBERS ABSENT

Christene Montgomery

REGIONAL ADVOCATE

Sonia Smith, Advocate
Nan Neese, Advocate

AFFILIATES REPRESENTED

Carilion – Mala Kessler - Lyn Cyr
Cee Breeze/Baker's Home – Tameka Walloe - Amy Dorton
Dominion Day Services – Dwayne Lynch – Jennifer Jenkins
Family Preservation – Ann Minnix
Hope Tree Family Services - Will Childers
Key Living Options – Cathy Key – Linda Puckett
Lamano Agency – Diane Exner
Lewis Gale Behavioral Health – Leigh Frazier
Luthern Family Services/Minnick Education Centers – Gary Wilburn
Mayo Residential – Lanell Otey
Roanoke League of Therapists – Gail Paysour

AGENDA

See attached

MINUTES

1. Call to order/welcome

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

2. Introductions

Committee members and audience introduced themselves.

ACTION AGENDA

3. **Approval of minutes of August 13, 2007**

The minutes of the August 13, 2007 were unanimously approved.

4. **Approval of September 5, 2007 (Special Meeting)**

The minutes of September 5, 2007 (Special Meeting) were unanimously approved.

5. **Request for affiliation Key Living Options, Inc – Cathy Key**

Cathy Key requested affiliation for her new facilities. Full affiliation was Granted with a 3 – 0 vote.

6. **Request for affiliation Intercept Youth Services – Bryan Chizuk**

Mr. Chizuk presented information regarding their facilities and requested affiliation. A six (6) month temporary affiliation was granted with a 3 – 0 vote, with a request to reappear at the December 2007 meeting to provide the committee an update of the program's progress.

INFORMATION AGENDA

7. **Blue Ridge Residential Services** – Presentation of new homes opening.

Blue Ridge Residential Services did not appear.

8. **Family Preservation Services** – Intent to add therapeutic Day Treatment

Information presented and accepted by the Committee. Special note; this RHRC does not cover the Franklin County area and FPS is seeking the appropriate affiliation for that area.

9. **Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare** – Mental Health Day Treatment Services, an addition to Phases.

Steve Ratliff presented information pertaining to the Day Treatment services being added to Phases. The Committee reviewed the information and accepted.

10. **Annual Reports**

Carilion Behavioral Health – presented, will return in December for

Clarification of one restraint episode.

Lamano – Information presented. Will provide the human rights committee with the addresses of all sponsored residential providers in the Roanoke and Alleghany areas.

National Counseling – Agency did not appear.

Strategic Therapy Associates – Agency did not appear.

11. **Advocate Report**

Ms. Smith reported on the recent implementation of the new Human Rights Regulations and the recent LHRC seminar in Richmond. Handouts of the regulations, seminar handouts, and related material was distributed to committee members. The schedule for provider reporting to the RHRC for 2008 was distributed. Ms. Smith reminded providers of the need for committee member applicants as there are 5 vacancies.

12. **New Business**

Betty Bingham and Helen Lang spoke with the RHRC about issues related to individuals having multiple providers for the same type of service and potential impact on individual Medicaid eligibility. The RHRC wishes to further understand this problem and in the meantime encourages providers to attend a planned forum to be held at BRBH to open up discussions about this issue.

E. Abbott from Cee-Breeze Personal Care Services voiced the need for some type of meeting and forum for local providers to be able to get together and discuss issues. He indicated that other than meeting together at the RHRC meetings, there is no other forum for providers to get together. Ms. Smith strongly supported Mr. Abbotts's suggestion.

Gail Paysour presented a letter to RHRC members indicating plans for the League of Therapists to open an office in the NRV area. She requested RHRC oversight of this office and the committee agreed to cover this office in the current Roanoke League of Therapists affiliation. The NRV LHRC will be notified of the existence of this agency by the providers.

13. **Cee – Breeze Personal Care Services – Expiration of temporary affiliation and update**

Temporary affiliation has expired. The Committee went into closed session to review information related to a recent incident at the program.

Upon re-convening into open session the committee voted 3-0 to recommend extending the temporary affiliation for 2 months and requested Cee Breeze to return to the December meeting with a status report on their CAP.

- 14. Next meeting scheduled for Monday, December 10.
- 15. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Rebecca Baker – Chair

Date signed

Recorder

Date signed.