

BLUE RIDGE REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MINUTES FEBRUARY 9, 2009

The Blue Ridge Regional Human Rights Committee met Monday, February 1, 2009 at 3:30 PM at Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare, located at 3517 Brandon Avenue.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rebecca Baker, Chair
Lynn Lawson
Geraldine Cleaery
Nancy Fields
Jay Fields
Preston Boggess
Linda Peters

DMHMRSAS-OHR STAFF

Adrien Monti

GUESTS

Shane Etter
Sherman Lea, Jr.
Nicole Truhe

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT STAFF

Betsy Walker

AFFILIATES REPRESENTED

A Better Life Counseling – Shenetta Reid
Avenues to Recovery - Jody Anderson
Bethany Hall – Denise Yopp
Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare – Betty Bingham – Tim Steller
Stephanie Bakely – Brandie Fraction
Blue Ridge Residential Services – Richard Gilman
Blue Ridge Support Services – Juli Larson
Camelot for Kids – Tim Lewellyn
DePaul Family Services – Karen Johnson
Didlake – Robin McHurst
Dominion Youth Services – Stephanie Pfeil
Dominion Day Services – Dianna Parrish
Family Preservation Services – Ann Minnix
Fidura – John Barrett – Cassie Husky
Goodwill – Lynda Edghill
Hall Community Services – Cathy Cummings
Hope Tree Family Services – Linda Hammed
Intercept Youth Services – Harry Hogshead
It's About Time – Mitzi Tuck – Amanda Craig
Key Living Options – Linda Puckett
Lutheran Family Services – Gary Wilburn
Mayo Residential Services - Edna Vernon
Minnick Education Center – Gary Wilburn
United Support Services – Tammy Solari

1. **Call to order/welcome**

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

2. **Introductions**

Committee members, Advocate, affiliates and guests introduced themselves.

ACTION AGENDA

3. **Approval of December 8, 2008 minutes**

Gerri Cleary motioned the minutes of the December 8, 2008 meeting be accepted as presented: Lynn Lawson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INFORMATION AGENDA

4. **Advocate Report**

Adrien reported there are some changes being made in the Office of Human Rights due to the State Budget cuts. There are some employees retiring and Region 2 will begin covering the Piedmont area, which encompasses Franklin, Patrick and Henry Counties. There have also been changes within the Office of Licensing due to retirements, and the Roanoke area will have a new Licensing Specialist beginning in March.

Adrien reminded affiliates of attendance requirements.

5. **Update on formation of new human rights committee for the Roanoke area – Dianna Parrish**

Dianna Parrish reported that a new Local Human Rights Committee has been formed; it is tentatively being called the Roanoke Local Human Rights Committee. Five applicants have been interviewed by Adrien Monti and Nan Neese and their materials have been submitted to the SHRC for review at the meeting on March 6. If they are appointed members by the SHRC at that time, an orientation will be held on March 26 at 1316 S Jefferson Street, if the members have been officially appointed by the SHRC by that date. Tentative plans have been made to limit the number of affiliates to ten.

6. **Research Proposal update – Shane Etter**

On 1/6/09 a sub-committee of BR RHRC met to review a proposal from Shane Etter, an employee of Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare, to conduct a research project. After hearing the proposal the sub-committee accepted the notice, reviewed the documentation from the IRB, and asked him to attend this meeting present an update. The project is for a class Mr. Etter is completing at Radford University. The survey is to look at the related effect of trauma in connection with substance abuse. He gave an overview of the project and stated that it would be ending in March.

7. **Innovative Community Solutions, Inc. – New Home – Bo Miller**

Mr. Miller did not attend the meeting.

8. **Request for affiliation**

**Youth Villages – Intensive In-Home Services for children/adolescents
Nicole Truhe**

Ms. Truhe provided information for the Committee to review and attend the meeting to give an overview of services Youth Villages will be providing in this area and answered questions from committee members. At this time they have not begun to serve clients. The location of their Roanoke office has not been determined.

Lynn Lawson motioned that Youth Villages be granted affiliation; Jay Fields seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

New Hope Support Services - Sherman P. Lea, Jr.

Mr. Lea appeared to provide information for the Committee to review and answered questions about the services he plans to provide. New Hope Support Services will offer services to adolescents and adults. It will be located at 510 11th Street; the license is pending.

Jay Fields motioned the affiliation of New Hope Support Services be granted; Preston Boggess seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

9. **Annual Reports**

Avenues to Recovery
Bethany Hall
Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare

Goodwill
Hope Tree Family Services
Roanoke Treatment Center

The above affiliates presented their written Annual Reports to the Committee for review. They attended the meeting and presented their reports. They gave an overview of the services they offer and answered questions from the committee members.

Innovative Community Solutions did not attend and the committee requested that they return to present their report at the next meeting in April.

10. **Affiliates returning to answer Committee questions**

Blue Ridge Support Services - At the December meeting the committee requested they rewrite a part of their service description and return with those changes at this meeting. The rewritten material was not submitted for review prior to the meeting today. Ms. Baker requested they return in April to answer any questions the committee members might have after reviewing the material.

Centra Health – Carla Warner returned to answer questions from the Committee, per request.

Camelot for Kids – The committee reviewed the material presented at the December meeting. Mr. Lewellyn answered questions from the committee.

11. **Correspondence**

Correspondence from the below was received as notification of changes:
Blue Ridge Residential Services – Relocation of Service
Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare – Notification of move to new facility
DePaul Family Services – Addition of Mental Health Support Program
Lamano Agency – New Provider.

12. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Rebecca Baker, Chair

Date signed

Betsy Walker, Recorder

Date signed