

BLUE RIDGE REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MINUTES JUNE 8, 2009

The Blue Ridge Regional Human Rights Committee met Monday, June 8, 2009 at 3:30 PM at Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare, located at 3417 Brandon Avenue, Roanoke, VA.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rebecca Baker, Chair
Lynn Lawson
Geraldine Cleary

DMHMRSAS-OHR STAFF

Adrien Monti

MEMBERS ABSENT

Nancy Fields
Jay Fields
Linda Peters

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT STAFF

Betsy Walker

AFFILIATES REPRESENTED

A Better Life Counseling – Shenetta Reid
A Shining Light – Joel Lemasters
Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare - Betty Bingham – Helen Lang
Centra Health – Jon Hutson – Julie Payne
DePaul Family Services – Debbie McIvor – Nate Ortiz
EHS, LLC – Quill Giles
Family Preservation Services – Ann Minnix
Family Services Roanoke Valley – Vickie Haynie
Goodwill – Linda Edghill
Hope Tree Family Service – Linda Hammed – Will Childers
Intercept – John Weatherspoon – Harry Hogshead
Lutheran Family Service – Gary Wilburn
Mayo Residential – Gabrielle Jones – Sharon Robinson
Minnick Education Center – Gary Wilburn
National Counseling – Sam Gray
Total Life Counseling – Steve Price
Youth Villages – Austin Hicks

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 April 5, 2009 minutes**

Due to the lack of quorum minutes cannot be approved.

INFORMATION AGENDA

4. **Advocate Report**

Adrien Monti presented Lynn Lawson with a plaque from the Office of Human Rights in appreciation of her service to the Human Rights Committee for two terms. Mrs. Lawson serves in the capacity of Vice-Chair and a vote to appoint a new Vice-Chair will have to be tabled until the next meeting due to the lack of quorum.

Adrien reported there are four vacancies on the Committee

5. **Annual Reports**

Braley and Thompson – Moved to August
DePaul Family Service
Mayo Residential, LLC
Total Life Counseling
Lutheran Family Se4rvice
Minnick Education Center

The above affiliates presented their written Annual Reports to the Committee for review. They presented their oral report and gave an overview of the services they provide and answered questions from the committee members.

DePaul Family Service reported that their name will officially change July 1; they will become DePaul Community Resources. They also have a new liaison; his name is Nate Ortiz.

6. **Intercept Youth Services**

John Witherspoon, Southwest Regional Program Director for Intercept Youth Services attended the meeting to present information about the program; detailed information was provided for the Committee.

A note from Nan and Adrien explained that the policy and procedure manuals were for information only. They have been granted license in other areas of the Commonwealth including New River Valley and wishes to expand their services in the Roanoke Valley.

7. Innovative Community Solutions – New Service – Mr. Miller will come before the Committee in August.

8. Youth Villages – Submitted an email to the committee requesting expansion of coverage to Montgomery County, Franklin County and Radford City from their Roanoke office and remain under the affiliation of BR RHRC.

The Committee decided this would not be a problem and the request was granted.

9. National Counseling Group, Inc. – Request for Temporary coverage

National Counseling is establishing offices in Harrisonburg and Staunton. Because the local Staunton Human Rights Committee will not meet until July, they are requesting temporary coverage from BR RHRC through August 31, 2009. They will return in August to report their affiliation and they will also send a letter of notification of affiliation.

10. **Correspondence**

- Notification of relocation of office for the Blue Ridge Residential Services

Written notification was received of the relocation of the Lynchburg office.

11. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Rebecca Baker, Chair

Date signed

Betsy Walker, Recorder

Date signed