

BLUE RIDGE REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MINUTES AUGUST 10, 2009

The Blue Ridge Regional Human Rights Committee met Monday, August 10, 2009 at 3:30 PM at Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare, located at 3517 Brandon Avenue.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rebecca Baker – Chair
Geraldine Cleary
Nancy Fields
Jay Fields

DBHDS-OHR-STAFF

Nan Neese

MEMBERS ABSENT

Linda Peters

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT STAFF

Betsy Walker

AFFILIATES REPRESENTED

Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare – Tim Steller
Blue Ridge Services – Maureen Cholewlca
Braley & Thompson – Lisa McDowell
Cee Breeze – Emizie Abbott – Temeka Walloe
Centra Health – Carla Warner
DePaul Community Resources – Andy Crawford
East Mental Health – Joann Patterson
EHS – Quill Giles – Mike Anajace – Ashley Lucas – Crystal Floyd
Family Preservation Service - Ann Minnix
Family Service of Roanoke Valley - Vickie Haynie
Goodwill – Lynda Edghill
Hall Community Services – Cathy Cummings – Adrien Monti
Hope Tree Family Services – Will Childers
Innovative Community Solutions – Bo Miller – Shannon Patsel
Lamano Agency – Rebecca Drinkard – Eric Gordon
Lutheran Family Service – Gary Wilburn
Minnick Education Center – Gary Wilburn
National Counseling Group – Nick Ptacek – Pam Brant
Roanoke League of Therapists & New River Valley– Gail Paysour – Hollie Stephens
Support Sysstems – Jennifer Gobble – Ashley Calahan

1. Call to order/Welcome

Becky Baker, Chair called the meeting to order at 3:35 PM.

2. Introductions

Members of the committee and providers attending the meeting introduced themselves.

ACTION AGENDA

3. Approval of April 6, 2009 minutes (due to lack of quorum at previous meeting)
Approval of June 8, 2009 minutes

Nancy Fields moved that the minutes of April 6 and June 8 be accepted as presented; Geri Cleary seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INFORMATION AGENDA

4. **Advocate Report**

Nan thanked Adrien Monti for service to the Office of Human Rights. Adrien has left that position and taken a position with one of the private providers. Nan noted the proper paperwork has been submitted for approval to fill the vacant position and she will keep the Committee informed of the process. At this time Nan will be covering Roanoke, New River Valley Alleghany, Piedmont/Martinsville as well as Catawba Hospital.

Nan commented on the letter from the State Human Rights Chair requesting that that committees work with providers requesting affiliation. All providers must be affiliated with a human rights committee before they can become licensed. Nan also noted that at this time she is not looking to establish any new committees due to the large area she is covering alone.

5. **Annual Reports**

The following providers presented their annual reports; gave a brief overview of the services they provide and answered questions from the Committee members.

Braley & Thompson

Blue Ridge Residential Services
East Mental Health Services
EHS (Rke & NRV)
League of Therapist (Rke & NRV)
Family Services of Roanoke Valley
Lamano Agency
National Counseling

6. **Family Preservation Services, Inc.
Notice of intent to add Therapeutic Day Treatment site**

The committee received a letter of notification of the intent to add a therapeutic day treatment site. Ann Minnix attended the meeting to answer any questions the committee might have. There was also a request from Nan Neese that the Blue Ridge Regional Human Rights Committee oversee the Family Preservation Service sites in Franklin County, Piedmont and Martinsville areas. Ms. Minnix is the director over these sites and reporting would be less complicated for her if she reports to one committee rather than three.

Geri Cleary motioned that the sites requesting coverage from BR RHRC be accepted; Nancy Fields seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

7. **Centra Health
Addition of new service**

Carla Warner appeared before the committee to request extending affiliation for their new Children's Day Treatment Program. The services will be provided to children who attend Rivermont School in Roanoke; they will include after school hours and during the summer.

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

8. **Lamano Agency
Notification of new service**

Eric Gordon, Roanoke Area Manager with Lamano Agency submitted a letter to the committee describing the new service they will be offering in Roanoke. They will be starting a Medicaid Waiver Day Support Program to serve adults with Intellectual Disabilities. They are requesting their affiliation be extended to cover this service.

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

9. **Innovative Community Solutions**
Notification of new service

The service has not come to fruition and the committee requested Mr. Miller to resubmit to the October meeting if he is ready to go forward.

10. **Correspondence**

- The committee received a letter of thanks from Adrien Monti for their support.

11. **Other Business**

The new human rights reporting form was discussed. Some places are using the form and some are still using the old form. Nan will resend the new form to providers to begin using January 1 to report 2009 information.

Nicholas Ptacek with National Counseling appeared before the committee to inform them that National Counseling was not able to get on the Human Rights Agenda in the Staunton/Harrisonburg area and are requesting the committee to cover another month of affiliation.

Geri Cleary moved the affiliation be extended until the October meeting; Jay Fields seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Becky Baker: "I move that the Blue Ridge Regional Human Rights Committee convene into a closed meeting in accordance with §2.2.3711.A (4 and 15) of the Code of VA to protect the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business including the review and consideration of health records".

Becky Baker: "I move to certify that to the best of my knowledge only those matters lawfully exempted from public business and identified in the motion were heard, discussed and considered by the Blue Ridge Regional Human Rights Committee".

Each member responded "I so certify".

Jay fields moved to recommend the application for new membership to the Blue Ridge Regional Human Rights Committee be accepted as presented; Nancy Fields seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 5, 2009

Rebecca Baker, Chair

Date signed

Betsy Walker, Recorder

Date signed