

# **BLUE RIDGE REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MINUTES FEBRUARY 8, 2010**

The Blue Ridge Regional Human Rights Committee met on Monday, February 8, 2010 at 3:30 p.m. at Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare, located at 3517 Brandon Avenue.

## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Rebecca Baker – Chair  
Geraldine Cleary  
Nancy Fields  
Jay Fields  
Joann Baker

## **DBHDS-OHR STAFF**

Nan Neese – Advocate

## **ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT STAFF**

Betsy Walker

## **GUESTS**

Joseph Kinchloe  
Martha Pillow

## **AFFILIATES REPRESENTED**

Avenues to Recovery – Jody Anderson,  
Bethany Hall – Denise Yopp  
Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare – Tim Steller, Helen Lang, Betty Bingham  
Blue Ridge Residential Services – Maureen Cholewka  
Centra Health – Kelly Eitani  
DePaul Community Resources – Vena Duncan  
Family Preservation – Ann Minnix  
Family Services Roanoke Valley – Vickie Haynie  
Fidura and Associates – Cassie Huskey  
Goodwill of the Valleys – Linda Edgehill  
Hall Community Services – Adrien Monti  
Hope Tree Family Services (VBCHFS) – Will Childers, Linda Hammed  
Roanoke Treatment Center – Letitia Malone  
Youth Services – Valerie Koepfel, Gordon May

### 1. Call to Order/Welcome

Rebecca Baker, Chair called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

### 2. Introductions

Members of the Committee and Providers attending the meeting introduced themselves.

## **ACTION AGENDA**

3. Approval of December 14, 2009 minutes

Gerri Cleary moved the minutes of December 14, 2009 be accepted as presented; Nancy Fields seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **INFORMATION AGENDA**

4. Advocate Report

Nan stated the importance of Annual Reports and noted that having nothing listed is not an acceptable practice. The Committee would like to see positive actions as well as any complaints, violations, citations or other findings. She also noted they would like to know about the services that are being provided. She reminded providers to send a narrative with their Annual Report with a description of the services. A Provider Information Form was mailed with each Affiliation Agreement and they should be completed and returned with the agreement. If you change liaisons or addresses, phone numbers, email addresses please make sure the information is sent to Betsy as well as notification to Nan.

There is a new committee member applicant and he will be interviewed today after the meeting.

Nan reported she would conduct the Freedom of Information (FOI) training after the meeting in April; providers are welcome to attend.

### **Annual Reports**

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

Avenues to Recovery  
Bethany Hall  
Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare  
Camelot (moved to NRV; no report received)  
Goodwill  
Hope Tree Family Services  
Innovative Community Services report not received/Director a no show)  
Roanoke Treatment Center

6. Lamano Agency – Notification of residential move – Eric Gordon (letter enclosed).

7. DePaul Community Services – Request for BR RHRC to cover their affiliation for services provided in the New River Valley

Vena Duncan attended the meeting to request that BR RHRC cover the services they are providing in the New River Valley; this would allow them to consolidate meetings and membership.

Jay Fields moved to extend the affiliation to cover the New River Valley; Geri Cleary seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

8. Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare – restructuring of Counseling Services and Case Management (merger of 2 programs).

A letter of notification was submitted to the Committee regarding the Merger of the 2 above referenced programs. It was noted that the name of the restructured program will be Recovery Support Teams. A copy of the service description for the program was also enclosed for committee review.

9. Review of amended BR RHRC Bylaws

The Bylaws were reviewed; wording and typing errors will be corrected before being submitted to the State Human Rights Committee.

Nancy Fields moved to accept the bylaws as amended; Joann Baker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

10. Other information items

None

11. Next Committee meeting date – April 12, 2010

12. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM

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Rebecca Baker, Chair

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Date approved

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Betsy Walker  
Admin Supports