

# **BLUE RIDGE REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MINUTES APRIL 12, 2010**

The Blue Ridge Regional Human Rights Committee met on Monday, April 12, 2010 at 3:30 p.m. at Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare, located at 3517 Brandon Avenue, Roanoke, VA.

## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Rebecca Baker – Chair  
Joann Baker  
Geraldine Cleary  
Jay Fields  
Nancy Fields  
Joseph Kinchloe  
Martha Pillow

## **DBHDS – OHR STAFF**

Nan Neese – Advocate

## **ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT STAFF**

Betsy Walker

## **AFFILIATES REPRESENTED**

Bethany Hall – Deborah Clendenon  
Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare – Betty Bingham, Helen Lang, Tim Steller  
Blue Ridge Residential Services – Richard Gilman  
Blue Ridge Supports Services– Richard Gilman  
Cee Breeze – Emize Abbott, C.B. Baker, Clarence Baker, Debora Lawyr,  
Temeka Walloe  
Centra Health – Kelly Eitani  
CHIP – Alicia Hamed-Moore  
Didlake – Robin McHurst  
EHS – Crystal Grooms, Katye Hale  
Family Preservation – Ann Minnix  
Family Services of Roanoke Valley – Vickie Haynie  
Hall Community Services – Adrien Monti  
Hope Tree Family Services – Linda Hammed  
Innovative Community Solutions – Bo Miller, Bobbie Plunkett  
Intercept Youth Services – John Weatherspoon, Harry Hogshead  
Lamano Agency – Eric Gordon, Rebecca Drinkard  
Lutheran Family Services – Gary Wilburn  
Mayo Residential – Linda Mayo  
Minnick Education Center – Gary Wilburn  
National Counseling Group – Jim Pritchard  
New Hope Support Systems – Michelle Jones  
Roanoke League of Therapists – Gail Paysour  
Support Systems LLC – Jennifer Gobble, Denis Chockley, Ashley Callahan

1. Call to Order/Welcome

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

2. Introductions

Members of the Committee and providers attending the meeting Introduced themselves.

**ACTION AGENDA**

3. Approval of February 8, 2010 minutes

Nancy Fields moved the minutes of February 8, 2010 be accepted as presented; Jay Fields seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**INFORMATION AGENDA**

4. Advocate Report

Nan welcomed two new committee members and noted the committee is now at full membership. She reminded everyone that she would conduct Freedom of Information training after the meeting; providers are welcome to attend.

Nan reported that new providers seeking to provide services in the Roanoke area would be asked to seek affiliation with the Roanoke Local Human Rights Committee.

Nan also requested that providers pay close attention to the Office of Human Rights and the Office of Licensing when adding new services to existing licenses and expanding services. The offices are working together to make the procedure more clear throughout the Commonwealth to have the same approval process.

Nan reminded providers they should be using the new reporting form for their Annual Report.

5. **Annual Reports**

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

CHIP  
Cee Breeze

Didlake, Inc.  
Family Preservation Services  
Hall Community Services  
Innovative Community Services  
Mt. Regis (No show will be forwarded to June agenda)

In a previous meeting the Committee had granted Hall Community Services an extension of the regulatory time frame for Complaint Process to allow additional opportunity for formal resolution but preserve the right to petition for a hearing. There has been no further action relative to the original complaint.

6. Support Systems, LLC – Jennifer Gobble – Notification of new services and request for affiliation of the services (letter and service description enclosed).

Jennifer is requesting affiliation for the addition of an Outpatient Service license in order to provide outpatient counseling and crisis intervention services. Nan endorsed the affiliation; however she reminded Jennifer not to operate until the license is granted.

Nancy Fields motioned to extend the affiliation; Jay Fields seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. They also requested that she submit a written update at the June meeting.

7. Blue Ridge Residential Services – Notification of new homes (information included).

Richard Gilman reported they have certified a new home in the city of Roanoke and requests that the current affiliation be extended to this new home.

8. The Lamano Agency – Notification of a residence move (information enclosed).

A service provider will be moving to a new home; the letter serves as notification of the move.

9. Other Information items
10. Required Reports including Individual-specific Information  
Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare – Investigative Report  
Innovative Community Solutions – Incident Investigations

Becky Baker, Chair called for a motion to convene into closed session in accordance with §2.2.3711.A (4 & 15) of the Code of VA to protect the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business;

and the discussion of medical and mental records. Nancy Fields so moved, the motion was seconded and it carried unanimously.

Becky Baker, Chair reconvened the public meeting. Geri Cleary moved that only the matters lawfully exempted from open session were heard, discussed and considered by the Committee. Each member certified to the best of their knowledge that only matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and identified in the motion above, were heard, discussed and considered by the BR RHRC.

11. Next Committee meeting date June 14, 2010 (**new time 3:00 pm**).
12. Adjourn

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Rebecca Baker

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Date approved

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Betsy Walker  
Admin Support