

BLUE RIDGE REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MINUTES JUNE 14, 2010

The Blue Ridge Regional Human Rights Committee met on Monday, June 14, 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

A Better Life Counseling – Shenetta Reid
Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare – Betty Bingham, Crystal Smith, Sherry Mexiner
Braley Thompson – Lisa McDowell
Centra Health – Kelly Eitani
CHIP – Ali Hamed-Moore
DePaul – Nate Ortiz, Vena Duncan
East Mental Health – Lewis Walton, Joann Patterson
EHS – Crystal Grooms, Katye Hale
Family Preservation Services – Ann Minnix
Fidura & Associates – Jennifer Fidura, Cassie Huskey
Goodwill – Lynda Edghill
Hopetree Family Services – Wayne Craig
Intercept – Matt Milovich
Lamano Agency – Eric Gordon
Lutheran Family Services – Gary Wilburn
Mayo Residential – Sharon Robinson
Minnix Education Center – Gary Wilburn
Mt Regis Center – Betsy Cumbie
National Counseling Group – Pam Brant
New Hope Support Services – Sherman Lea, Jr., Michelle Jones
New River League of Therapists – Brian Hoff
Roanoke League of Therapists – Gail Paysour, DeWayne Yopp

1. Call to Order

Rebecca Baker, Chair called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

2. Introductions

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

ACTION AGENADA

3. Approval of April 12, 2010 minutes

Nan Neese, Advocate requested the minutes be changed to reflect the closed session was heard under the Virginia Code 2.2-3711; this change will be made.

Geri Cleary motioned the minutes be approved with the revision; Jay Fields seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INFORMATION AGENDA

4. Advocate Report

Nan reported the Office of Licensing and the Office of Human Rights are working together to develop a uniform procedure for providers when applying for license modification and affiliation. The goal is to have conformity across the Commonwealth. Currently providers who are expanding services across Regions must submit verification of human rights compliance to Margaret Walsh, State Human Rights Director. That information is available on the Department's website, www.dbhds.virginia.gov.

In Region III, Roanoke still remains the most active with providers applying for affiliation. Nan reported she is requesting new providers request to affiliate with the Roanoke Local Human Rights Committee; their numbers are not as many as BR RHRC.

Nan reminded providers they should be submitting cover letters with the Annual Report and any others submissions to the Committee. She will send out another email to remind providers.

All confidential information contained in today's Committee packet will be collected at the end of the meeting to be shredded. Nan reminded providers that client names should be removed from reports before submitting the reports to the Committee.

Nan reminded providers that the Affiliation Agreement requires Providers to report findings of human rights violations and licensing citations to the Committee at the next human rights meeting rather than waiting for their Annual Reporting date.

5. **Annual Reports**

The following providers presented their Annual Reports. They also gave an overview of the services they provide, the populations they serve and answered questions from committee members.

Braley & Thompson
Centra – Mental Health Services
DePaul Family Services
Fidura & Associates

Nan Neese requested Fidura representative(s) come before the next committee meeting to report findings of violations.

Lutheran Family Services/ Minnick Education Centers

Due to the discussion relative to behavior modification and the use of physical restraint Nan Neese invited providers to present a demonstration of the type of behavioral restraint utilized in an emergency by providers

Mayo Residential
New Hope Support Services
Mt Regis Center
Total Life Counseling, Inc. (moved to August meeting)

6. Roanoke League of Therapists – Gail Paysour – Notification of licensing to begin Day Treatment Services in Roanoke City Schools

Gail Paysour submitted a letter of notification to the committee and was available to answer questions. She will have information available at the next meeting that will give information about Roanoke League of Therapists.

7. BRBH – Notification of addition of new Host Home

Letter of notification of new Host Home and the location was submitted to the committee and is included in the committee packet. A complete list of all BRBH Sponsored Host Homes was also included for review.

8. BRBH – Client Guidelines for Regional Stabilization Services

Client Guidelines for the Regional Stabilization Services were submitted for the Committee's review. Betty Bingham gave an overview of the program and Crystal Smith from the Recovery Center was on hand to answer questions.

Jay Fields motioned to accept the Client Guidelines as presented; Geri Cleary seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

9. The Lamano Agency –Notification of change in sponsored provider. Extension of affiliation to a new sponsored residential site in Thaxton.

Eric Gordon submitted information for the committee to review and appeared to answer any questions they might have.

10. Updates

A letter was received from Youth Villages informing the committee that they will no longer be providing services in the Roanoke Valley.

11. The Chair, Rebecca Baker moved the committee go into closed session pursuant to VA Code §2.2-3711. A (4) and (15).

EHS – Review of Human Rights Investigation
Hall Community Services - Complaint

Moved to reconvene the Regional Human Rights Committee into public session; this was seconded by Geri Cleary and each member certified that to the best of their knowledge only matters lawfully exempted from open meetings requirements were heard, discussed, or considered. Each member present so certified.

12. Next committee meeting August 9, 2010

13. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Rebecca Baker, Chair

Date approved

Betsy Walker
Admin Support

