

# **BLUE RIDGE REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MINUTES FEBRUARY 14, 2011**

The Blue Ridge Regional Human Rights Committee met on Monday, February 14, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. at Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare, located at 3517 Brandon Avenue, Roanoke, VA.

## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Geraldine Cleary – Vice Chair  
Jay Fields  
Nancy Fields  
Joseph Kinchloe  
Martha Pillow

## **DBHDS-OHR STAFF**

Nan Neese – Advocate

## **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Rebecca Baker – Chair  
Joanne Baker

## **ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT STAFF**

Betsy Walker

## **AFFILIATES REPRESENTED**

A Better Life Counseling – Shenetta Reid  
Avenues to Recovery – Jody Anderson, Kathy Buth  
Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare – Betty Bingham, Tim Steller  
Blue Ridge Residential Services – Maureen Cholewka  
Bethany Hall – Denise Yopp  
Braley – Thompson – Lisa McDowell  
Cee-Breeze – Marc Burch  
Centra Health – Kelly Eitani  
DePaul Community Services – Vena Duncan, Nate Ortiz  
Didlake – Robin Hurst  
EHS Support Services – Katye Hale  
Family Preservation Services – Renee Williams  
Family Services of Roanoke Valley – Vickie Haynie  
Goodwill – Lynda Edghill  
Hall Community Services – Adrian Monti  
Hope Tree Family Service – Will Childers, Linda Hammed  
Intercept Youth – John Weatherspoon, Matt Milovich, Jennifer Sherman  
Lamano Agency – Eric Gordon, Stanley Cousins  
Lutheran Family Services of VA – Julie Swanson, Cassie Phipps, Robin Peeler  
Mayo Residential Services – Sharon Robinson  
Mt Regis – Gail Basham, Betsy Cumbie  
New Hope Support – Michelle Jones  
Roanoke League of Therapists – John Call  
Roanoke Treatment Center – Letitia Malone

## Support Systems – Denise Chockley

1. Call to Order  
Geri Cleary, Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
2. Introductions  
Members of the Committee and providers introduced themselves.

### **ACTION AGENDA**

3. Approval of December 13, 2011 minutes  
Nancy Fields motioned the minutes be approved as presented, Martha Pillow seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **INFORMATION AGENDA**

4. Advocate Report – Nan Neese –  
Nan Neese, Regional Advocate, introduced the Guidance documents from the State Human Rights Committee reminding the members that this was the result of the State Committee's memo to the local committees distributed June of 2010. Nan highlighted the sections of the Implementation Memo from the Chairperson. Nan recommended that the members take time to review the documents and be prepared to discuss more thoroughly at the April meeting.

Nan also noted that Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare will host the State Human Rights Committee meeting in September.

Nan asked that a fee accounting be available for providers at the April meeting

There is a request to move the June13 meeting to June 27. Joe Kinchloe moved the June meeting be moved to June 27; Jay Fields seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### 5. **Annual Reports**

The following providers presented their Annual Reports and answered questions from the Committee:

Avenues to Recovery  
Bethany Hall  
Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare  
Hope Tree Family Services  
Intercept Youth Services, Inc. (Final report to committee)  
Roanoke Treatment Center  
Goodwill  
Mt Regis Center

Intercept Youth Services reported that they had requested that The New River Valley LHRC grant affiliation to all of their Region III services. Intercept representatives extended appreciation to this LHRC for its service. Nancy Fields motioned the affiliation of Intercept Youth Services with BR RHRC be concluded; Joseph Kinchloe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

6. Affiliation Request for new sites and changes to sites

**A Better Life Counseling Services** – Addition of a new service

Shenetta Reid submitted a letter requesting affiliation for a new service; she would like to begin MHSS for adults 18 and older in Roanoke City and Roanoke County, Salem and Christiansburg. The Advocate noted that she had received no prior information about this new license application. Ms. Reid has submitted a licensing application. Nan recommended that the LHRC consider a temporary affiliation until the next meeting in order to verify human rights compliance.

Joe Kinchloe motioned temporary affiliation for the new service until the next meeting; Martha Pillow seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare** – Notification of expansion of Therapeutic Day Treatment Service to Back Creek Elementary School. Letter included

**Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare** – Betty Bingham reported the name of the Recovery Center has been changed to the Rita J Gliniecki Recovery Center. The change was made to honor Mrs. Gliniecki who was a long standing Board of Directors member for Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare.

**Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare** – Crisis Stabilization Program Rules

There were some changes to the program rules. A copy of the rules with the changes highlighted is included in the packet for review.

Nancy Fields motioned the changes be accepted; Joe Kinchloe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Blue Ridge Residential Services** – Notification of new management. Kimberly Shepherd submitted a letter of notification that they are under new management and she will be assuming the role of Executive Director. They also have a new site on Grandin Road.

Jay Fields made a motion to recognize the new site; Martha Pillow seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

7. Behavior Management Systems Overview/Demonstration (crisis wave)

John Weatherspoon gave a verbal of Crisis Wave and also demonstrated the procedure.

8. Request to discuss restructuring of Lutheran Family Services – Julie Swanson

Ms. Swanson and Cassie Phipps attended the meeting to discuss the restructuring that has taken place between Lutheran Family Services and Minnick Education Center. They are no longer separate entities.

They are requesting conclusion of their affiliation as separate entities. Jay Fields motioned the affiliation reflect that Lutheran Family Service and Minnick Education Center are one entity; Martha Pillow seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

9. Next Committee meeting date – April 11, 2011
10. Meeting was adjourned at 5:15.

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Rebecca Baker, Chair

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Date Approved

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Betsy Walker, Admin Support