

BLUE RIDGE REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MINUTES FEBRUARY 12, 2007

The Blue Ridge Regional Human Rights Committee met Monday, February 12, 2007 at 3:30 PM in the Community Room at the Burrell Center at 611 McDowell Avenue.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lynn Lawson
Geraldine Cleary
Christine Montgomery

ADMIN SUPPORT

Betsy Walker

MEMBERS ABSENT

Josephine Wesselhoft
Lydia Barlow
Rebecca Baker
Dr. Annemarie Carroll, Chair

REGIONAL ADVOCATE

Sonia Smith, Office Human Rights

AFFILIATES REPRESENTED

Alleghany Highlands CSB – Betty Crance
AMRSS – Tina Austin
Avenues to Recovery – Wren Starkey
Bethany Hall – Denise Yopp & Jenny Neel
Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare – Betty Bingham
Carilion Behavioral Health – Mala Kesler
Didlake, Inc – Twala Rankin
EHS –Jennifer Gobble
Fidura & Associates – John Barrett
Goodwill – Angela Smith
Innovative Community Solutions – Bo Miller
Lewis Gale Behavioral Health – Leigh Frazier
Lutheran Family Services – Gary Wilburn
Mayo Residential – Joseph Mayo
Minnick Education Center – Gary Wilburn

AGENDA

See attached

1. Call to order/Welcome

Due to the absence of the Chair, Lynn Lawson is acting Chair. The meeting was called to order at 3:40 PM; committee members and attending affiliates introduced themselves.

ACTION AGENDA

2. Approval of minutes of December 11, 2006

The minutes were received with a motion from Mrs. Cleary to accept the minutes and the motion was seconded by Ms. Montgomery. Due to the lack of quorum a vote will be taken at the next meeting.

3. Alleghany Highlands CSB – Restraint Policy – Betty Crance

Betty Crance presented the physical restraint policy, which will only be used in emergencies. They are requesting physical restraints be used when an individual is a threat to self and others. Mrs. Cleary motioned the policy be accepted and Ms. Montgomery seconded the motion. A vote will take place at the April meeting.

4. Annual Reports

The following annual reports were presented and the presenters answered all questions. Due to the lack of Quorum the Annual Reports could not be voted on and this will be on the agenda for the next meeting in April.

ARMSS
Bethany Hall
Didlake, Inc
Fidura & Associates
Lewis Gale Behavioral Health

Ms. Montgomery commented on the use of restraint and would like to see cameras in places to record restraint to be reviewed. This will be discussed under new business.

5. Innovative Community Solutions, Inc. – Physical Restraint Policy

Miller expressed his concern in their not being a vote today. He stated he has a client he is trying to transition into one of his homes from CVTC and in order for this to take place there must be a restraint policy in place and asked if this could be expedited before April. Sonia will check to see if this is possible. Sonia noted the plan has been approved by CVTC. Mrs. Cleary motion to accept the restraint policy, Ms. Lawson seconded the motion and it will be taken to the full committee. There will be a sixty day assessment of this. Ms. Montgomery abstained; she has concerns with the restraint policy.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

6. **Advocate Report**

Mrs. Smith reported public comment for the new regulations have closed. No official notice has been received. The Office of Human Rights has listed Thursday, September 6 (evening) as the beginning of the seminar with a full day on the 7th if the new regulations come out. It will be in Charlottesville or Richmond.

Sonia reported she has collected 66% of the annual reports. They will be reviewed in April.

7. **New Business**

Betsy reported there is \$7400 available in funds for training for the committee.

Ms. Montgomery requested discussion with the committee pertaining to letters she has submitted to Mrs. Smith. Mrs. Smith noted she has only corresponded directly with Ms. Montgomery, however she would distribute the material if she wanted that to take place. Mrs. Smith requested Ms. Montgomery to get the material to Betsy to distribute to the Committee and put the issue on the agenda.

8. **Adjournment**

The next meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2007

Respectfully submitted by: Betsy Walker

Chair

Date signed

Recorder

Date signed