

BLUE RIDGE REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MINUTES APRIL 9, 2007

The Blue Ridge Regional Human Rights Committee met Monday, April 9, 2007 at 3:30 PM in the Community Room at The Burrell Center at 611 McDowell Avenue.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. AnneMarie Carroll, Chair
Rebecca Baker, Vice Chair
Lynn Lawson
Lydia Barlow
Geraldine Cleary

ADMIN SUPPORT

Betsy Walker

MEMBERS ABSENT

Josephine Wesselhoff
Christene Montgomery

REGIONAL ADVOCATE

Sonia Smith, Office of Human Rights

AFFILIATES REPRESENTED

Bethany Hall – Jennifer Neel
Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare- Betty Bingham &
Helen Lang, Quovadis Washington-Brown,
Patty Newell, Letitia Hawkins-Beatty, Sharon Reynolds
CHIP – Robin Haldiman & Lin Young
Didlake – Twala Rankin
Family Services Rke Valley – Vickie Haynie
Family Preservation Services – Andie Carter & Ann Minnix
ICS – Bo Miller
Lewis Gale Center for Behavioral Health – Leigh Frazier
Lutheran Family Services/Minnix Education Ctrs – Gary Wilburn
Roanoke Treatment Center/National Specialty Clinic – Tia Malone & Dona Blair

GUESTS

Mike Marsh, St Human Rights Comm
Tameka Walloe-Baker's Home
Clarence Baker – Baker's Home
Emizle Abbott – Baker's Home

AGENDA

See attached

MINUTES

ACTION AGENDA

1. Call to order/welcome

Dr. Annemarie Carroll, Chair called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM; committee members and attending affiliates and guests introduced themselves.

**2. Approval of minutes of December 11, 2006, February 12, 2007
Approval of items from February 12 agenda due to the lack of quorum**

Gerri Cleary motioned the minutes of December 11, 2006 and February 12, 2007 be approved as presented, Lynn Lawson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

At the February meeting Innovative Community Solutions and Allegheny Highlands CSB presented their policies and the members present recommended they be accepted as presented. Lynn Lawson motioned they be accepted, Gerri Cleary seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3. Annual Variance report from Bethany Hall – Jennifer Neel

Jennifer presented an overview of the variance that deals with telephone and visitor privileges; there are no changes in these guidelines. Becky Baker motioned the variance report be accepted as presented and Gerri Cleary seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The variance will be forwarded on to the State Human Rights Committee in June.

It was noted when the new regulations come out in early summer the language will address these issues and it will eliminate the need for variances in substance abuse programs.

**4. Annual Variance report from Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare –
Quovadis Washington-Brown**

Quovadis presented the variance report; there are no changes to the variance. Lynn Lawson motioned the report be accepted as presented, Gerri Cleary seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The variance will go to the State Human Rights Committee in June.

5. Annual Reports

Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare – Betty Bingham

Betty Bingham presented the annual report and answered questions from committee members. Lydia Barlow motioned the report be accepted as presented and Gerri Cleary seconded the motion and it carried unanimously and the report will be entered into the record.

Innovative Community Solutions – Bo Miller

Bo Miller gave an overview of the report. He was unaware that a “doctor visit” had to be reported; he will amend his report and bring it back to the next meeting for review.

Family Preservation – Andi Carter – Ann Minnix

Andi introduced Ann Minnix, new leadership for the Roanoke Office and Ann gave an overview of the services she oversees. Andi Carter presented the annual report. Lynn Lawson motioned the report be accepted as presented, Lydia seconded the motion and it carried unanimously and will be entered into the record.

CHIP – Robin Haldiman – Lin Young

Lin reported they are in transition due to the resignation of the director of mental health services and the position has not been filled; she is temporarily filling in for that position. She gave an overview of the program and the report. Greri Cleary motioned the report be accepted as written, Lynn Lawson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously and will be entered into the record.

Roanoke Treatment Center/National Specialty Clinics – Tia Malone – Dona Blair

Dona introduced Tia Malone to the committee; Tia will take over the duties of the liaison to this committee. Dona presented the annual report and answered all questions. Becky Baker motioned the report be accepted as presented, Lynn Lawson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously and will be entered into the record.

6. Request for affiliation:

Baker’s Home

Cee-Breeze Personal Care Services, Inc – Clarence Baker

A packet of information was mailed to committee members for review. Mr. Baker is requesting affiliation for the two programs listed above; they are separate programs. Mr. Baker presented an overview of services and questions from the committee were answered. Becky Baker motioned a temporary 6-month affiliation for Cee-Breeze Personal Care Services, Inc., Geri Cleary seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Baker will return in 6 months (Oct) to report on the program and request permanent affiliation. Lydia Barlow motioned Baker’s Home be given permanent affiliation, Geri Cleary seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

7. ADVOCATE REPORT

Sonia reported the status of the Human Rights Regulations; they will be posted on the internet for review and comment and will be published in the Virginia Register for 30 days. In the fall there will be a training seminar for the new HR Regulations. The dates of September 6 & 7 are tentatively on the calendar for training in Charlottesville or Richmond.

Sonia requested all Annuals Reports be submitted; the following affiliates are in danger of being suspended:

Goodwill
Avenues to Recovery
Mt. Regis
DePaul Family Services
Total Life Counseling
Blue Residential Services
Roanoke League of Therapists

Sonia will send a letter notifying them they are in jeopardy of losing their affiliation with the committee and if they do so they will be out of compliance with the department and cannot provide services.

There is one affiliate that has not paid their affiliate fee; Sonia will send a letter notifying they are out of compliance.

Terms of Service:

Josie's term expires in June and she is eligible for another 3 year term. Lydia and Annemarie's terms are up in June and they are not eligible. There will be 4 vacancies on the committee after June.

8. New Business

No new business.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2007.

Respectfully submitted by: Betsy Walker

Chair

Date signed

Recorder

Date signed