

BLUE RIDGE REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MINUTES APRIL 10, 2006

The Blue Ridge Regional Human Rights Committee met Monday, April 10, 2006 at 3:30 PM in the Community Room at The Burrell Center at 611 McDowell Avenue.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rebecca Baker – Vice Chair
Lynn Lawson
Geraldine Cleary
Josephine Wesselhoft
Mildred Willis

ADMIN SUPPORT

Betsy Walker

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Annemarie Carroll – Chair
Christene Montgomery
Lydia Barlow

REGIONAL ADVOCATE

Sonia Smith, Office of Human Rights

AFFILIATES REPRESENTED

Alleghany Highlands CSB – Betty Crance, Director MR Services
AMRSS – Tina Austin, Executive Director
Bethany Hall – Mary Ann Chamberlain, Executive Director, Denise Yopp
Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare – Betty Bingham, Liaison
Sharon Reynolds, RN, Shenandoah Recovery Detox Center
Rebecca Cote, Coordinator, Crisis Stabilization Unit SRC
Margaret Haven, Therapist, SRC Residential
Eddie Blair, Director, SRC Residential Services
Sereina Paynter, Director, Children’s Day Treatment
Patty Newell, Coordinator, Children’s Day Treatment
CHIP - Doreen Davis
Family Preservation Services – Carla Warner, Andi Carter
Family Services of Roanoke Valley – Vickie Haynie, Liaison
Innovative Community Solutions – Bo Miller, Karen Burroughs
Minnick Education Center – Tracey Clark
Mount Regis Center – Judith Pace
Roanoke Treatment Center/National Specialty Clinics – Dona Blair
Virginia Baptist Children’s Home Family Services – Will Childers, Assistant Director

AGENDA

See attached

MINUTES

1. Rebecca Baker, Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM; committee members and attending affiliates introduced themselves.
2. Lynn Lawson motioned the minutes of February 13, 2006 be approved as presented, Millie Willis seconded the motion and the minutes will be entered into the record.
3. **AMRSS report of services** – Tina distributed information packets to committee members and reported they have applied to provide more services i.e. Day Support, Respite Services and Crisis Stabilization Services and gave an overview of the services. She will be meeting with Anita Shelton on April 14 for finalization of these services. Sonia noted approval from the committee for new services is not needed as they are already affiliated.
4. **Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare Regional Stabilization Services** – Rebecca Cote distributed a copy of the policies and procedures for the program; she stated they are similar to the policies and procedures used for residential and detox. She gave an overview of the Stabilization Services; it is a new service providing 6 beds (male and female), providing up to 15 days for mental health stabilization. They are seen by a doctor daily, if they have needs such as housing, process of obtaining id's, co-occurring disorder groups, mental health education and management, skill building groups, these are also addressed as well as referrals for services when they leave the unit. The clients may stay 15 consecutive days with a total of 60 days per calendar year.
5. **Annual Reports**
Bethany Hall – Mary Anne Chamberlain presented the annual report, committee members have reviewed the information in their packets. The variance report was also presented; a 2 year variance was received from the State Committee last June, this year a report is required and Sonia will forward it to the State Human Rights Committee.

Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare – Betty Bingham presented the annual report, committee members have reviewed the information in their packets. The variance report for Shenandoah Recovery Center – Residential Program and Detox Center and Hegira House were brought forward for review; a 2 year variance was received from the State Committee last June, this year a report is required and Sonia will forward it to the State Human Rights Committee.

Carilion Behavioral Health – This report will be heard in June.

CHIP – Doreen Davis with CHIP presented their annual report and answered questions from the committee.

Family Preservation – Carla Warner and Andi Carter presented their annual report and answered questions from the committee.

Goodwill of the Valleys – This report will be heard in June.

Innovative Community Solutions – Bo Miller presented the annual report and answered questions from the committee. He reported a third location has been opened in Salem and given the name of Idahome; it is serving 3 clients with mental retardation.

Mount Regis Center – Judith Pace with Mount Regis presented their annual report.

Roanoke Treatment Center/National Specialty Clinics – Dona Blair presented the annual report and answered questions from the committee.

6. **Advocate Reports** –

Sonia reported the Office of Human Rights is planning a statewide training September 7 & 8; she distributed a survey to see what topics committee members might be interested in for training. She requested they be completed and mailed back to her.

Betsy has updated the affiliate list and it was distributed to committee members.

Sonia reported that Lynn Lawson is eligible for another 3- year term. Becky Baker motioned that Lynn be appointed to another 3 year term and Geri Cleary seconded the motion. Sonia will put the nomination on the State Human Rights Committee for June.

It was noted that the following affiliates have not submitted fees and contract:

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The following affiliates have not submitted their annual reports:

Roanoke League of Therapists

Blue Ridge Residential

7. **New Business** – No new business at this time.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm; next meeting is June 12.

Respectfully submitted by: Betsy Walker

Chair

Date signed

Recorder

Date signed