

# **BLUE RIDGE REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MINUTES JUNE 4, 2007**

The Blue Ridge Regional Human Rights Committee met Monday, June 4, 2007 at 3:30 PM at The Burrell Center at 611 McDowell Avenue.

## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Rebecca Baker, Vice Chairman  
Lynn Lawson  
Lydia Barlow  
Geraldine Cleary  
Christene Montgomery

## **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Dr. Annemarie Carroll, Chair  
Josephine Wesselhoft

## **REGIONAL ADVOCATE**

Sonia Smith, Advocate, Office of Human Rights  
Nan Neese, Advocate, Office of Human Rights

## **ADMIN SUPPORT**

Betsy Walker

## **AGENDA**

See attached

## **MINUTES**

### **ACTION AGENDA**

#### **1. Call to order/welcome**

Rebecca Baker, Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 1:15 PM, committee members and attending the attending affiliate introduced themselves.

#### **2. Approval of April 9, 2007 minutes**

Lydia Barlow motioned the minutes of April 9, 2007 be approved as presented, Lynn Lawson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### **3. Request for affiliation: East Mental Health, LLC – Dean East presenting**

Mr. East gave a brief overview of the services his agency will be providing; the Committee had been provided a through overview for review prior to this meeting. Sonia Smith, Advocate reported Anita Shelton with licensing had visited the site of the program and the program was ready to get started upon being granted affiliation.

Geraldine Cleary moved the affiliation request be granted, Christene Montgomery seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**4. New Business**

Nan Neese, Advocate advised the Committee there is a new group home starting in the area and will need to have affiliation reviewed before the next scheduled meeting. She requested a sub-committee be convened to hear the request before that meeting. Rebecca Baker, Lynn Lawson, Christene Montgomery and Geraldine Cleary have agreed to meet before the next scheduled meeting to hear the request if needed.

**5. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2007.

The Committee will reconvene into closed session for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

Respectfully submitted by: Betsy Walker

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Chair

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Date signed

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Recorder

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Date signed