

BLUE RIDGE REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MINUTES JUNE 12, 2006

The Blue Ridge Regional Human Rights Committee met Monday, June 12, 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
Lydia Barlow
Dr. Annemarie Carroll - Chair

ADMIN SUPPORT

Betsy Walker

MEMBERS ABSENT

Christene Montgomery
Josephine Wesselhoft
Mildred Willis

REGIONAL ADVOCATE

Sonia Smith, Office of Human Rights
Deborah Jones, DMHMRSAS
Nan Neese, Office of Human Rights

AFFILIATES REPRESENTED

Alleghany Highlands CSB – Betty Crance
Braley & Thompson – Lisa McDowell
Carilion Behavioral Health – Mary Isenhour
DePaul Family Services – Vena Duncan, Debbie McIvor
Didlake – Angie Furrow, Brandy Emmons-Powell
EHS – Jennifer Gobble
Family Preservation – Carla Warner
Goodwill – Linda St. Clair
Lewis Gale – Leigh Frazier
Luthern Family Services/Minnick Education Center – Gary Wilburn
Mayo Residential – Joseph J. Mayo, Jr., Joyce Morrison
National Counseling Group – Sam Gray
Virginia Baptist Children's Home Family Services – Jenny Mays, Will Childers,
Wayne Craig

AGENDA

See attached.

MINUTES

1. Dr. Annemarie Carroll, Chair called the meeting to order at 3:35 PM; committee members and attending affiliates introduced themselves.

ACTION AGENDA

2. Approval of minutes of April 10, 2006

Becky Baker, Vice-Chair motioned the minutes of April 10, be approved as presented, Geri Cleary seconded the motion. The Committee does not have quorum and the approval of these minutes will be on the next agenda.

3. Annual Reports

Lutheran Family Services – Gary Wilburn presented the annual report, committee members have reviewed the information included in their packets.
Minnick Education Center – Gary Wilburn presented the annual report, committee member have reviewed the information included in their packets. There were questions concerning restraint and they were answered. There were also questions from Nan Neese concerning policy and procedure changes; she stated she had been informed by another site office there would be changes and asks if this across the board. Mr. Wilburn stated the changes are not across the board at this time and he does not have a copy of the changes. These changes will be for Lutheran Family Services and not Minnick Education Center.

Alleghany Highlands CSB – Betty Crance presented the annual report, committee members have reviewed the information in their packets. Ms. Crance reported they are in the process of reviewing and modifying policies and procedures.

Braley & Thompson – Lisa McDowell presented the annual report and answered questions. She reported there are plans for expansion of services.

Carilion Behavioral Health – Mary Isenhour presented the report, it was included in the committee packet for review. Questions were answered. Ms. Isenhour announced she would be retiring in August and introduced the new Director, Mala Kessler.

Depaul Family Services – Debbie McIvor presented the report for the mental retardation program. She gave a brief over of the services offered. She reported there is a new supervisor, Chris Jones; he will be attending the meetings in the future to report.

Vena Duncan presented the report for clinical services.

Goodwill – Linda St. Clair gave an overview of their services and presented the report. She answered questions regarding the type of restraint that is used by the program.

Mayo Residential – Joyce Morrison presented the report and answered questions regarding restraint. She introduced Joseph Mayo, Therapeutic Trainer. She answered questions from the committee.

4. Circle of Hope Counseling – request for affiliation – Sharon Toliver-Hardy

The request for affiliation was withdrawn at this time due to lack of preparation.

At this time there was a request to approve the minutes since committee members have arrived and there is quorum. The minutes were approved and will be entered into the record.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

5. Alleghany Highlands CSB – notification of new service; New Beginnings Supervised Residential Home (information enclosed)

Angie Deem, Program Manager of New Beginnings gave an overview of the services being offered by this new program that will begin on June 19, 2006. Information for review was included in the committee packet. Sonia noted that House Rules would have to have input from clients, however at this time there are no clients and as they come into the program they will be given the opportunity for input. It was recommended Ms. Deem contact Sonia Smith in two months to let her know if there are any significant changes and she will get the information back to the committee. Questions from the committee were answered. There was a request for rewording under safety.

6. Advocate Report – Sonia Smith reported the State Human Rights Committee had met June 9th and Lynn Lawson was reappointed for another 3 year term. There is still a vacancy on the committee.

All Agreements and Annual Reports have been submitted.

The latest issue of the “Human Writes” was distributed.

Sonia, reported there is strong consideration to move the SHRC/LHRC Seminar 2006 that is planned for September 7 & 8 to April or May 2007 due to concern that the Human Rights Regulations are not out yet. The new regulations are needed to be able to do the training.

7. New Business – Nan Neese will be conducting training on “How to Conduct a Hearing” today after the regular meeting. Sonia announced there will be a hearing in July and noted that Deb Jones will be the technical advisor to the committee.

The hearing will be tentatively scheduled for July 26. Information will be mailed to committee members when this date is confirmed with the client.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Betsy Walker

Chair

Date signed

Recorder

Date signed