

BLUE RIDGE REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MINUTES

DECEMBER 11, 2006

The Blue Ridge Regional Human Rights Committee met Monday, December 11, 2006 at 3:30 PM in the Community Room at The Burrell Center at 611 McDowell Avenue.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mildred Willis
Dr. Annemarie Carroll, Chair
Geraldine Cleary
Lynn Lawson
Rebecca Baker, Vice Chair
Christene Montgomery

ADMIN SUPPORT

Betsy Walker

MEMBERS ABSENT

Josephine Wesselhoft
Lydia Barlow

REGIONAL ADVOCATE

Sonia Smith, Office of Human Rights

AFFILIATES REPRESENTED

Alleghany Highlands CSB – Betty Crance
AMRSS – Tina Austin and Chelsea Hall
Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare – Betty Bingham
Carilion Behavioral Health – Darlet Colley and Mala Kesler
DePaul Family Services – Debbie McIvor and Wendy Miller
Didlake – Twala Rankin
EHS – Greg Hornback and Jennifer Gobble
Innovative Community Solutions – Linda Puckett and Bo Miller
National Counseling Group – Sam Gray and Gabe Young
Roanoke League of Therapists – Gail Paysour
Virginia Baptist Child and Family Services – Will Childers

GUESTS

Mark Hall – Hall Community Services

AGENDA

See attached

MINUTES

ACTION AGENDA

1. Call to order/welcome

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

2. Approval of minutes of June 12, August 14, October 9, 2006

The minutes were received at the prior meetings and a motion was made to recommend the minutes be approved. Due to the lack of quorum at the past meetings a vote will be taken today. Dr. Carroll noted a word had been omitted in #3 of the October 9 minutes; the correction will be made. Geraldine Cleary motioned the minutes of the past 3 meetings be approved as presented, Lynn Lawson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3. Carilion Behavioral Health – Darlet Colley – Review of Emergency Use of Restraints (distributed at October 9, 2006 meeting)

Ms. Colley distributed the restraint policy in October, however the Committee wanted more time to review and requested she return today to answer any questions they might have. Ms. Colley is requesting approval so they can be brought into compliance. The policy has gone before the New River Valley Human Rights Committee and they have approved them. Lynn Lawson motioned the policy be approved as presented, Millie seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

4. AMRSS – House Rules – Tina Austin

A copy of the House Rules was included in the Committee packet for review. Ms. Austin reported clients from both homes had input into the rules. Lynn Lawson motioned the rules be accepted as presented, Mildred Willis seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

5. Hall Community Services – Request for affiliation – Mark Smith

Mr. Smith gave an overview of the services his agency provides. They will be providing community based mental health supports for older adolescents and adults. They will serve eight (8) clients per clinician and expect to have five (5) clinicians. They are located on 1st Street in SW Roanoke. Mr. Smith answered all questions posed by the Committee. Becky Baker motioned the request for affiliation be accepted, Geraldine Cleary seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INFORMATION AGENDA

6. Innovative Community Solutions – update of new service – Bo Miller

Mr. Miller reported a new service has been added, non-center based day support. It hasn't started, but they have been licensed. They have put it on the back burner at this time because they are starting some new homes in

January. They expect new placements from CVTC. Mr. Miller will return to report when the new service starts. Ms. Smith suggested he contact Anita in licensing to see if there are any timeframes that have to be adhered if a license is not used.

7. Advocate Report – Sonia Smith

Regulations out for public comment ended November 21, there is no word yet if the changes can be incorporated or will have to go back out for public comment again.

Mrs. Smith stated she has been very pleased with the reporting over the past year.

8. New Business

Mrs. Willis is resigning from the Committee; this will be her last meeting.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2007.

Respectfully submitted by: Betsy Walker

Chair

Date signed

Recorder

Date signed