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CENTRAL VIRGINIA COMMUNITY SERVICES
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 18, 2006
ARC, Bedford Avenue

Members Present: *Robert Cardwell*, Chairperson; *Sarah Coppola*; *Doug Wigner*; *Katherine Oulds*

Members Absent: *Anne Breeden*, *Pamela Felici*, excused

Others Present: *Sherry Miles*, Regional Advocate; *Sharon Levin*, Administrative Support; *Karen Wilder*, ARC; *Carla Groff*, Bedford Adult Day Center; *Julie McKenzie*, Blue Ridge Residential Services; *Lisa McDowell*, *Jimmy Rosenbaum*, Braley & Thompson; *Marie Ward*, Lifeline Residential; *Melessa Dolan*, *Toni Lusk*, Meridian House; *Jenise Wade*, Wall Residences
Affiliates Absent: Cabaniss (excused), Centra Health, Creative Family Solutions, Family Preservation, Jessie Calloway

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Cardwell called the meeting to order and invited everyone to introduce him or herself.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Committee unanimously passed a motion to approve the minutes for the May 23, 2006, meeting as written.

RECRUITMENT

Mr. Cardwell reported that the Committee still needs a consumer member. A “consumer” is anyone who is currently receiving or has received services from a public or private sector provider within the past 5 years in mental health, mental retardation, or substance abuse. Contact Ms. Miles for an application.

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL LHRC AFFILIATION – Life Line Residential Services

Marie Ward reported that besides their Forest location, **LifeLine Residential** has a new location on Liggates Road. The new home will house 5 men; they currently have 3. Women will live in the Forest home. **The Committee unanimously passed a motion to accept the request for additional LHRC affiliation from LifeLine Residential Services.**

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

This item was tabled until all members are present.

REGIONAL ADVOCATES REPORT

Lynchburg has had many complaints since the last meeting. CVCS had two client deaths—one in Arise Detox and another Arise consumer committed suicide after his release. Both have been investigated citations will be issued. Ms. Miles said that if a caregiver is going to leave one group to work for another, the care provider must *insure and document* that the consumer has been advised of all options, rather than think he or she must go with the caregiver.

Human Rights Regulations are still in Governor Kane’s office, but can be read on the Department’s website and comments can be made on the site.

A survey asking for topics for the SHRC/LHRC training showed that many want it held after the new regulations are in effect; therefore, **the SHRC/LHRC training has been postponed until next year.**

Ms. Miles distributed and reviewed the contents of the summer issue of the SHRC newsletter, "Human Writes."

PROGRAM UPDATES

ARC is currently rewriting their Strategic Plan, as well as revising their Policy and Procedure Manual. **Bedford Adult Day Center** reported no changes, and census is up. The staff is learning to work with new clients with autism. They purchased a new bus this year. **Blue Ridge** reported nothing new. **Braley and Thompson's** Lynchburg office has just moved to Laxton Road. **Meridian House** just received licensure and plans to have an open house toward the end of August. **VP&J** reported no changes. **Wall** reported no changes.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date has been **changed from September 12 to September 26** at 4:00 p.m. at DePaul Family Services, Waterlick Road.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee unanimously passed a motion to adjourn the meeting.