

APPROVED
Minutes
Danville- Pittsylvania County Regional Local Human Rights Committee
July 14, 2009
5:30pm
M.T. Sorrell Home
Blairs, Virginia

Members in Attendance: Jennifer Taylor, Mary Lou Dunn, Jeanne White, Betty Brown, Kelly Matthews, Vicki Lowther

Absent members: Beverly Scruggs

Affiliated Programs in Attendance: Darlene & Gerald Doss-Doss Estates, Silvia Hill-Alliant Human Services, Sheleta Walker, Tywanda Willis, Michelle Beck & Mitchell Brown-A New Inspiration, Monica Karavanic & Chris Wright-MT Sorrell Group Home, Nicole Chalmers-Madeline Centre, Sylvia Hairston -Johnny's Heroes, Johnny's Angels, Family First Solutions & Johnny's Day Treatment, Bobby Seamster-National Counseling Group

Affiliated Programs Absent: Connie Chappell-Negril, Inc., Lindsey Tibbs-Innovative Family Consultants, Michael Anderson-Family Coaching Services, Jennifer Gobble-Support Systems

Others in attendance: Sherry Miles, Regional Advocate, Roanna Deal, Human Rights Advocate, Leonard Wiley, Donald Wheeler, & Arthur Peebles-ATIBA Youth Intervention

Call to Order:

Jennifer Taylor, Chair called the meeting to order.

Executive Session:

The Executive Session was not held as the applicant for membership did not attend.

Approval of Minutes:

Committee voted unanimously to approve the April 14, 2009 minutes as written.

Member Re-appointment:

Janet Weeks' term expired on June 30, 2009 and she has opted not to apply for a second term.

Recruitment Needs:

The Committee continues to recruit for members and this Committee is recruiting for two professionals. Any interested party should contact Sherry Miles, Regional Advocate or

Jennifer Taylor, Chair. Sherry Miles distributed a memorandum addressed from the SHRC concerning recruitment for Committees.

Affiliation Request:

Donald Wheeler, Executive Director of ATIBA Youth Intervention Services requested affiliation for intensive in-home in the Danville area and colleague Authur Peebles, President shared the origination of ATIBA and its meaning: Attitude, Time, Initiative, Believe and Achieve. The Committee voted unanimously to grant ATIBA an affiliation to provide intensive in home.

Tywanda Willis with A New Inspiration requested affiliation to provide intensive in-home in Danville area. In November, 2008 the agency offered services in North Carolina. They presently have 16 active individuals. The Committee voted unanimously to grant A New Inspiration an affiliation to provide intensive in home services.

Organization Reports:

Negril, Inc.

Absent

Doss Estates

Darlene and Gerald Doss were present and reported having 3 consumers in their residential program. Ms. Doss reported that the consumers had colds, but all are doing well--country living is good. No incidents to report.

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Chris Wright reported the residential program has 10 consumers. Since their last report, one individual was discharged, due to illness and another moved to a new group home. No complaints to report.

Johnny's Heroes

Sylvia Hairston reported the program currently has 3 clients in residential. One consumer has been discharged since the last meeting.

Johnny's Angels

Sylvia Hairston reported this program has not started yet.

Family First Solutions

Sylvia Hairston reported this program has not started yet.

Johnny's Day Treatment

Sylvia Hairston reported this program has not started yet.

Madeline Centre

Nicole Chalmers, Program Director reported the program currently has 100 intensive in-home participants and 30 clinicians. They will be providing therapeutic day services in 4 schools in the Danville/Pittsylvania County. The agency has moved to: 158 North Main St., Danville. The new facility will offer a playroom, recreation room and more space. No complaints to report.

National Counseling Group

Bobbie Seamster reported the program currently has 30 intensive in-home clients and 20 mental health support clients. No incidents/complaints to report.

Alliant Human Services (formally Alliant Consortium, LLC)

Silvia Hill reported the agency's name change in June, 2009 to *Alliant Human Services*. Presently, the program provides intensive in-home to 30 consumers and therapeutic day support to 17 consumers (summer program) and will be working with approx. 5 local schools by the fall. The Alliant Foundation sponsored a Local Gospel Fest in the Danville area the proceeds went toward the Mount Nebo Baptist Church building fund. No complaints to report.

A New Inspiration

Mitchell Brown reported the program is presently serving a total of 16 individuals. They are moving to the former United Way building in Danville. An invitation was given to the committee to hold Human Rights meeting at their new location. No complaints to report.

Innovative Family Consultants-Absent

Family Coaching Services - Absent

Support Systems- Absent

Regional Advocate Report:

Sherry Miles stressed the importance of documentation and good documentation should incorporate as much detail as possible.

She distributed information on how providers can file complaints against the DMAS transportation provider, Logisticare.

She reported that effective July 1, 2009 the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse changed its name to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS). The new Web Address is www.dbhds.virginia.gov. Sherry's new e-mail address: Sherry.Miles@dbhds.virginia.gov . Ms.

Miles former e-mail address and the departments Website will continue to work for up to a year after July 1, 2009. A flyer was provided for all attendees.

Next Scheduled Meeting

October 13, 2009, 5:30PM at MT Sorrell/Danville ARC.

The meeting was adjourned.