

Fredericksburg Area Local Human Rights Committee

Minutes- **DRAFT**

Regular Quarterly Meeting – September 12, 2008

Attendance and Determination of Quorum: Quorum met

Members:

Present: Debe Fults, Karen Tiberio, Lynn DelaMer, Nancy Sorrentino

Absent: Marguerite Roche

Senior Advocate: Mark Seymour

Affiliates:

Present: Maureen Cholewka *Blue Ridge Residential*, Megan Hall *Family Preservation Services*, Sonya Love *Family Solutions*, Jason Sapp, Hazel Sapp, Suzanne France *Heritage House*, David Ross, Tyeasha Williams-Powell *Intercept Youth Services*, Kim Umble *Remuda Ranch*, Phylcia Jefferson *Tree of Life Christian Counseling*, Pam Golas *Wall Residence Inc.*

Absent: *Family Love, PEOPLE, Dominion Day Services, Structures Youth*

Guests: Cindy Brown from **Empowerment Clinical and Consulting Services**

Starting of the Meeting /Review of Agenda: Began at 10:05am

Reading/Approval of old Minutes: Motion to approve minutes by Karen Tiberio, seconded by Nancy Sorrentino; approval of February 2008 minutes as amended; approval of May meeting minutes

Public Comment: none

Presentation: **Empowerment Clinical and Consulting Services** Cindy Brown presenting information about services; offer case management, teen parenting, in home & school services, as well as other programs. They plan to have 7-8 staff, and are currently operating.

- Upon review of submitted information, Mark Seymour requested an updated set of policies & procedures (incorrect titles, code references, and complaint processes), to reflect changes required by March 1, 2008.
- **Empowerment Clinical and Consulting Services** must also provide Mark Seymour & Debe Fults with a letter from Jim Bowser stating they have temporary affiliation (through a Richmond area LHRC) and the policies have been updated to reflect changes as of 9/17/08.
- A motion was made by Lynn DelaMer, and seconded by Nancy Sorrentino, to grant temporary affiliation pending amended policies & procedures. Permanent affiliation will be considered at the next meeting.
- **Empowerment Clinical and Consulting Services** must return amended policies and procedures by September 26, 2008 to Debe Fults and Mark Seymour.

Report of the Regional Advocate:

- Mark reported on how the current budget crisis has impacted children's services @ RTC's and the number of staff employed by the programs.
- **Reminder:** Providers must report all complaints, resolved or unresolved, reasonably attached to Human Rights Rules and Regulations.
- Advocates are not seeing more allegations as a result of the regulation changes.
- A new system is still in the works where all complaints will be delivered via email, filtered, then passed on to the advocate

Report of Members:

- Debe Fults provided information on upcoming dRC Events (Autism Support Group, Finger Spelling, Sibshop, Medicaid Waiver Workshop, Medicaid Works Workshop, EPSDT) and Pathways to the Future workshop addressing the issues of moving from school to adult life on 11/15/08 @ James Monroe High School.
- Megan Hall provided budget information. Dues from the following programs for the 2008 year have not yet been received: Family Love, Wall Residences, Intercept, and PEOPLE. A letter will be sent to these affiliates to remind them of their \$100 annual dues.
- Lynn DelaMer reported that the Mental Health Task Force is working on 3 projects-
 - Youth transition from Snowden facility
 - Helpline & web based services directory coming in December
 - Pro bono counseling for those without insurance or high co-pay

Program Reports:

<u>Blue Ridge Residential Services:</u>	Currently have no consumers in our region
<u>Dominion Day Services:</u>	Absent
<u>Family Love:</u>	Absent
<u>Family Preservation Services:</u>	Several schools are licensed and students are receiving services in their school program; operational restructuring of the Culpeper office, so they are temporarily operating under the Fredericksburg office; 1 complaint of a boundary violation in August was reported & resolved
<u>Family Solutions:</u>	No allegations of abuse or complaints
<u>Heritage House:</u>	No allegations of abuse or complaints; vacancies in programs
<u>Intercept Youth Services</u>	Incident with individual involved with gang activity; program is making changes to their policies & outings to minimize the chance this will happen again; currently are 6 at the home
<u>PEOPLE</u>	Absent
<u>Remuda Ranch</u>	No allegations of abuse or complaints; 1 year anniversary is upcoming
<u>Structures Youth Home</u>	Absent
<u>Tree of Life Christian Counseling</u>	Moved their office to Massaponax Medical Center; No allegations of abuse or complaints
<u>Wall Residence Inc.</u>	No allegations of abuse or complaints; 1 discharge due to client aggression; serving 18 individuals

Old Business:

- Affiliates in arrears (presented during reports of members)

New Business:

- Meeting agenda- was proposed by Debe Fults to have annual reports due by January 23, 2009, so that members have time to review prior to the meeting. Also, creating a quarterly reporting form for affiliates that provides information on new programs and complaints & allegations due 1 week prior to meeting dates.

Announcements: None

Next meeting dates and place: Friday, November 7, 2008

2009 possible dates of meetings:

- February 6...may be moved to Jan. 30 or February 13 due to conference conflict
- May 1
- August 7
- November 6

End of meeting: 11:30 am