

Fredericksburg Area Local Human Rights Committee
Minutes - DRAFT

Regular Quarterly Meeting – November 2, 2007

Attendance: Members: L. DelaMer, D. Fults, M. Roche, K. Tiberio

Senior Advocate: M. Seymour

Affiliates: K. Murphy (Blue Ridge Residential Services), T. Morefield (Family Love),

M. Hall (Family Preservation), S. France & J. Sapp (Heritage House),

D. Ross & T. Williams-Powell (Intercept Youth), M. Bower (Remuda Ranch),

Representative (Tree Of Life), P. Golas (Wall Residences)

Guest: J. Maurer, Structures Youth Home

Starting of the Meeting: 10:00

Reading/Approval of old Minutes: Unavailable due to resignation of committee secretary

Public Comment:

Greeting guest & perspective new members and affiliates

Nancy Sorrentino: Committee Member (not present)

Dr. Kathleen FitzSimmons (not present), Structures Youth Home: Affiliation Request: John Maurer

represented Structures Youth Home. Background information on potential affiliate: located in Stafford on Holly Corner Rd.; is a group home with currently 4 occupants (licensed for 8) from ages 12 until age out of system, most with DSM diagnoses; also have an independent living program after girls age out of the program. Staff: clinical psychologist, work closely with RACSB, day and night staff; private school on site. Boys home planning to open in late November 2007. The program was previously licensed through DSS.

- Regional advocate, M. Seymour, will ask for editorial changes to Human Rights Policies & Procedures submitted by Structures Youth Home (p. 8 should be changed from 48 to 24 hours); approves of temporary affiliation pending rewrite and completed affiliation agreement.
- Member M. Roche recommends temporary affiliation pending changes and completion of affiliation agreement. Member L. DelaMer seconded the motion. Motion carries to allow Structures Youth Home temporary affiliation pending changes to Human Rights Policies & Procedures and completion of affiliation agreement.

Report of the Regional Advocate:

M. Seymour reported on the changes to state regulations, which took effect on September 21, 2007.

- Visit www.dmhmrzas.virginia.gov to view new regulations, training...
- The bound, printed version is not available yet, but new regulations can be found on the website.
- Any groups seeking new affiliation (after 9/21/07) must follow new regulations. Current affiliates must have their policies up-to-date with new regulations by March of 2008. Current affiliates MUST be following the new regulations now, but do not have to have their written policies & procedures changed until March 2008.

- Important changes to note:
 - Children's changes
 - Section 60
 - Access to records
 - Complaint process (page 34 on downloaded regulations)
- 53 positions at the Central Office level will remain unfilled due to budget shortfall

Report of Members:

- D. Fults, chair, reported outstanding report for year 2006 for Family Love. T. Morefield presented her with the report at the meeting. D. Fults also did not have a signed affiliation agreement from Blue Ridge Residential Services; K. Murphy presented that to her at the meeting.
- Check the DMHMRSAS website for quarterly publications of *Human Writes* newsletter
- Tentative training for families & consumers of affiliates on new Human Rights Policies & Procedures at the dRC.
- Treasurer, M. Hall reports that all affiliate dues are paid up at this time; currently the committee has \$1500 in their account; would like receipts for reimbursement requests.
- K. Tiberio seeks reimbursement of \$70 for child care and cost of training seminar. D. Fults seeks reimbursement of \$30 for cost of training seminar. Reimbursement paid at meeting.
- L. DelaMer reported on the opening of the Community Health Center at Bragg Hill, opening on December 2007. Dr. Donald Bley was contracted as medical provider; facility will accept Medicaid/Medicare.

Program Reports:

<u>Blue Ridge Residential Services:</u>	No open homes in area at this time.
<u>Family Love:</u>	No complaints/allegations. 12 in residential, 8 in day support program, do have openings. Day support program does work with community services, ie. Banking, life skills, etc. Hours of program 8am-4pm.
<u>Family Preservation Services:</u>	No complaints/allegations. Currently licensed with 5 schools and working on 2 more. No changes with in home program.
<u>Family Solutions:</u>	No complaints/allegations. Are focusing on intensive in home and visitation programs; working towards triennial renewal through DMH.
<u>Heritage House:</u>	No complaints/allegations. 3 groups homes and have secured a 4th
<u>Intercept Youth Services</u>	1 complaint, resolved. Staff changes to create balance of 5 male, 5 female staff, full time rec staff, 1 life skills coach; 1 resident discharged & position already filled.
<u>Remuda Ranch</u>	No complaints/allegations. Successful open house; 23 patients (14 of which are adolescents); currently licensed for 48.
<u>Tree of Life Christian Counseling</u>	No complaints/allegations. No citations from recent audit; obtained license for 3 years; currently screening applicants for day treatment program @ Bragg Hill
<u>Wall Residence Inc.</u>	No complaints/allegations. 15 people in the area; transferred a patient within Wall residences because of unhappiness at first placement

Old Business:

- Affiliation dues are all current.

New Business:

- Yearly Affiliation reports due to committee by January 31, 2008. These reports are for the calendar year Jan. 1, 2007 - Dec. 31, 2007. Affiliates should email a copy of the report to D. Fults and she will forward them to the rest of the committee. If an affiliate needs a copy of the reporting form, they may also request this from D. Fults.
- Future meeting dates: First Friday of the quarter (February, May, August, November of 2008) at 10 am at the disability Resource Center.

Adjournment: 11:21 am

Next meeting date and place: February 8, 2008 at 10am at dRC

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