

## Fredericksburg Area Local Human Rights Committee

### Minutes- **APPROVED**

Regular Quarterly Meeting – January 30, 2009

**Attendance and Determination of Quorum:** Quorum met

**Members:**

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

**Absent:** Marguerite Roche

**Senior Advocate:** Mark Seymour, Deb Lockhart

**Affiliates:**

**Present:** *Family Love, PEOPLE, Family Solutions, Heritage House, Intercept Youth Services, Remuda Ranch, Wall Residence Inc., Family Preservation, Tree of Life Christian Counseling Service, Blue Ridge Residential*

**Absent:** *Dominion Day Services, Structures Youth*

**Guests:** Cindy Brown, **Empowerment Clinical and Consulting Services**, Frank Valentine, **National Counseling Group, Inc.**

**Starting of the Meeting /Review of Agenda:** Began at 10:11am

**Reading/Approval of old Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes by Lynn DelaMer, seconded by Nancy Sorrentino; motion carries to approve minutes from November 2008 meeting

**Public Comment:** none

**Presentation:** **National Counseling Group, Inc.** Frank Valentine presented information about National Counseling Group to the board and affiliates. NCG serves children ages 4-21 and has adult out-patient programs. The office opened in November (under temporary affiliation with NWCSB). They provide a variety of intensive in-home services. A request by him was made to seek affiliation with the FALHRC. Motion to affiliate National Counseling Group made by Lynn DelaMer, seconded by Nancy Sorrentino; motion carries

**Report of the Regional Advocate:**

- Mark reported on the closing of many centers throughout the state that are serving children, specifically Commonwealth Center on 06/30/09
- **Reminder:** Providers must report all complaints, resolved or unresolved, reasonably attached to Human Rights Rules and Regulations.
- There are only a few personnel in the office of Human Rights and the number of licensing specialists is low as well.
- This was Mark's last meeting serving as the Regional Advocate for the FALHRC. Deb Lockhart will be taking over this area effective March 1, 2009.

**Report of Members:**

- Reminder that affiliate dues are \$100 annually.

**Program Reports:**

<u>Blue Ridge Residential Services:</u>	Not serving any clients in the area
<u>Dominion Day Services:</u>	Absent
<u>Family Love:</u>	Present; currently have positions available
<u>Family Preservation Services:</u>	No allegations of abuse or complaints; have opened another Day Treatment program at HH Poole Middle School in Stafford
<u>Family Solutions:</u>	No allegations of abuse or complaints
<u>Heritage House:</u>	1 complaint, unfounded; 8 openings in group home
<u>Intercept Youth Services</u>	No allegations of abuse or complaints; are at full capacity and have had students successful at program; management turnover
<u>PEOPLE</u>	No allegations of abuse or complaints
<u>Remuda Ranch</u>	No allegations of abuse or complaints; have expanded their program to work with behavioral health(anxiety and depression), 31 of 48 beds are full at this time
<u>Structures Youth Home</u>	Absent
<u>Tree of Life Christian Counseling</u>	1 complaint by dismissed employee; no consumer complaints or allegations
<u>Wall Residence Inc.</u>	No allegations of abuse or complaints; have hired a second program manager

**Old Business:**

Clinical Empowerment- Mark received the amended Human Rights and Procedures. Motion to affiliate Clinical Empowerment made by Lynn DelaMer, seconded by Nancy Sorrentino; motion carries

**New Business:**

- **ANNUAL REPORTS** from affiliates were due on **JANUARY 15, 2009**. Affiliates that have not presented reports at the time of the meeting are: Dominion Day Services, Family Love, Intercept, and Structures Youth. Lynn DelaMer asked to have affiliates without annual reports turned in by February 13<sup>th</sup> disaffiliated, as **annual reports are a requirement** for affiliation with the Fredericksburg Area Local Human Rights Committee.

**Announcements:** On February 19<sup>th</sup> from 10am-noon, Family Solutions will be hosting a Human Rights training session at the dRC. If interested in attending the training, contact Frances at 582-5820.

**Next meeting dates and place:**

2009 dates of meetings:

- o May 1
- o August 7
- o November 6

**End of open session meeting:** 11:50 am

**A motion was made by Karen Tiberio, seconded by Nancy Sorrentino, and passed to go into closed session pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711 for the purpose of reviewing the care of a resident of Family Love Adult Ministry and Training Center.** Upon reconvening the Local Human Rights Committee certified that to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the closed session were discussed in closed session.

**End of closed session meeting:** 12:50 pm