

**Fredericksburg Area Local Human Rights Committee**

**Minutes- APPROVED**

Regular Quarterly Meeting – January 22, 2010

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

Members:

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

Absent: Marguerite Roche

Senior Advocate: Deb Lockhart

Affiliates:

Present: Blue Ridge Residential Services, Family Love, Family Solutions, PEOPLE, Remuda Ranch, Wall Residences, Intercept Youth Services, Family Preservation Services, Tree of Life Christian Counseling Services, Heritage House, National Counseling Group, Dominion Day Services, Clinical Empowerment

Absent: Family Guidance

Guests: None

**Starting of the Meeting /Review of Agenda:** Began at 9:39am with introductions by those present

**Reading/Approval of old Minutes:** Motion to approve November minutes was made by Nancy Sorrentino and seconded by Karen Tiberio

**Public Comment:** none

**Report of Regional Advocate:** Deb is making visits to affiliates and their facilities. There continues to be little to no money in the budget; licensing and the DMHRS are working together to streamline their services.

**Old Business:** Structures Youth Home was sent a letter by the FALHRC disaffiliating them from our committee due to failure to provide reports and attend meetings.

**New Business:**

- Missing 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter reports from the following affiliates: Family Guidance, Family Love, Intercept, and Structures Youth. 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter reports were also missing from Intercept and Structures Youth.
- The members are looking into the absence of Structures Youth from meetings.
- National Counseling Group presented the committee with a Serious Incident Report.

**Program Reports:**

<u>Blue Ridge Residential Services:</u>	Although they have a provider in our area, they are still not serving any clients in the area; annual report received
<u>Empowerment Clinical</u>	No report given at the meeting; annual report received
<u>Dominion Day Services:</u>	No allegations of abuse/complaints; new day treatment program at at 1 elementary school in Caroline County; annual report received

<u>Family Love:</u>	No allegations of abuse/complaints; annual report and dues received at the meeting
<u>Family Preservation Services:</u>	No allegations of abuse; complaint reported at the last meeting was resolved (as written in 2009 annual report)
<u>Family Solutions:</u>	No allegations of abuse/complaints; quarterly report received; began marketing out to community their Mental Health services for adults (approximately 5-10 clients being served)
<u>Heritage House:</u>	2 allegations of verbal abuse-upon investigation, both were determined to be unfounded; currently have 1 female opening; are receiving referrals from Fairfax County; quarterly report received
<u>Intercept Youth Services</u>	Quarterly report received at the meeting; 1 report of a resident AWOL while home was fully staffed
<u>National Counseling Group</u>	No report, but will send to Debe before Monday, 1/25; no allegations of abuse/complaints; will be bringing services to King George County Schools at the elementary levels
<u>PEOPLE</u>	Report received at the meeting; No allegations of abuse/complaints; currently have 3 openings in their program
<u>Remuda Ranch</u>	No allegations of abuse/complaints; report received; currently serving 20 women; they do provide community training to help physicians and dentists with early detection of eating disorders; they will hold a dinner for the community on 2/10 to market their services
<u>Structures Youth Home</u>	ABSENT- have been disaffiliated due to lack of attendance and failure to meet reporting requirements
<u>Tree of Life Christian Counseling</u>	No allegations of abuse/complaints; continue to have day support and therapeutic services, and parenting courses; will send annual report to Debe this weekend
<u>Wall Residence Inc.</u>	No allegations of abuse/complaints; report received; will possibly partner with Hope House at Easter to provide baskets for children; 1 restraint issue explained in report

**Announcements:**

- The dRC is sending medical supplies and equipment to Haiti through a company in Georgia.
- The dRC is also holding their SIB shops at the same time as Daybreak
- On March 10, the dRC will be holding a Fair Housing seminar.
- If you are interested in being included in the COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS DIRECTORY's website, please submit your form to Lynn DeLaMer. It is too late to be included in the paper edition, but the website is updated monthly.
- A WRAP, Wellness Recovery Action Planning, workshop will be held on Feb. 3, from 1-3. This is an 8 week workshop. Contact Lynn if you are interested.
- The 3rd Annual Walk for Wellness will be held on May 1 at Hurkamp Park.

- The FALHRC is looking for new committee members. The current chair, Debe Fults, will be leaving in 2010. If you have clients or know a health professional or other consumers who would be interested in serving on the committee, please contact a committee member or Deb Lochart.

**Next meeting dates and place:**

2010 dates of meetings:

- April 2, 2010 at 9:30am

**End of open meeting:** 10:45am

**Executive session:**

- A motion was made by Nancy Sorrentino and seconded by Karen Tiberio that the FALHRC enter into closed, executive session pursuant to VA Code 2.2-3711 for the protection of the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business, namely for the purpose of discussing an incident with National Counseling Group, pursuant to the regulations.
- Upon returning to open session, the FALHRC unanimously certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only private business matters lawfully exempted from statutory open meeting requirements and only private business matters identified in the motion to convene the executive session were discussed in the executive session.