

Fredericksburg Area Local Human Rights Committee

MINUTES-DRAFT

June 17, 2011

Attendance and Determination of Quorum:

Members:

Present: Karen Tiberio, Lynn DelaMer, Nancy Sorrentino, Jill Payne

Absent:

Regional Advocate: Deb Lochart

Affiliates:

Present: Structures Youth (Dr. Kathleen FitzSimmons, Jamie FitzSimmons), Family Preservation (Carrie Blackburn), Today's Youth Services (Courtney Semach), Family Solutions (Anne Henley), Dominion Day Services (Athalia Eason), Lamano Agency (Ryan Long, Stanley Cousins), Wall Residences (Morgan Koster), National Counseling Group (Frank Valentine), Intercept Youth Services (Courtney Simonds, Kyle McMahon), Heritage House (Suzanne France, Chris Jackson), PEOPLE, Family Love (Tamika Morefield)

Absent: Empowerment Clinical Consulting, Family Guidance

Guests: Heidi Swale, candidate, The Wellness Group (John Redd, Robyn Jennings)

Starting of the Meeting and Review of Agenda:

Introductions of committee members and affiliates

Reading and Approval of the Minutes from the April 15, 2011 meeting:

Motion to accept the minutes as written by Lynn DelaMer, Seconded by Nancy Sorrentino; motion carries unanimously

Public Comment:

No comments

Report from the Regional Advocate:

Thanks to all for being patient with system changes. The same quarterly and annual reporting forms will be utilized by all LHRCs across the state. The "Comprehensive Reporting Information System" will be in effect in the near future, at which time when incident reports are filled out, all necessary parties will be automatically notified of the incident.

Last year, only 60 allegations of neglect and/or abuse were reported in the Northern Virginia Area. We believe reporting is not occurring, especially Peer to Peer. **ALL** allegations of neglect

and abuse must be reported as well as restraints if there is an injury or was incorrectly implemented. On January 15th of each year ALL restraints must be reported to Richmond.

Reports from Committee Members:

No reports

Treasurer's Report:

There is currently \$6,051.04 in the FALHRC account

Presentation of New Program: The Wellness-Group (Wellness-Group.org)

Old Business:

- We are still seeking new committee members. Please refer any potential members to a committee member for more information. If the FALHRC does not have another consumer as a committee member within 6 months, the SHRC may close down this committee and affiliates will be required to move to the Rappahannock committee. Applications for committee members were given to each affiliate and affiliates were asked to send completed applications to the committee members or Deb Lochart.

New Business:

- Approval of new committee member, Heidi Swale, to be submitted to the state. Motion by Jill Payne to approve Heidi Swale as a new committee member, seconded by Lynn DelaMer; motion carries unanimously
- Subcommittee's decision as to how the affiliates will be providing support to the FALHRC
 - Family Preservation has offered to take on the responsibility to provide support to the FALHRC for the upcoming year through July 2012 at which time another affiliate may take over the responsibilities
 - Affiliates will pay Family Preservation \$1500 for the 2011-2012 year to provide these services; the \$1500 will be taken out of the existing funds already in the FALHRC account which has been held by Family Preservation Services since the inception of the FALHRC
 - Comments:
 - The affiliates will decide at a later date how long they will continue to use the funds in the existing account to pay for LHRC support and if and when they will collect annual money from affiliates to cover the expenses of the FALHRC
- Election of new committee officers

- Nancy Sorrentino, Chair- motion to approve made by Lynn DelaMer, seconded by Jill Payne; motion carries unanimously
- Lynn DelMar, Vice Chair- motion to approve by Jill Payne, seconded by Nancy Sorrentino; motion carries unanimously
- Jill Payne, Secretary-Motion to approve by Nancy Sorrentino, seconded by Lynn DelaMer; motion carries unanimously
- Motion by Lynn DelaMer to affiliate The Wellness Group with the FALHRC, seconded by Nancy Sorrentino; motion carries unanimously
- Approval of the new Fredericksburg Area Local Human Rights Committee Bylaws
Motion to accept the new bylaws as written made by Lynn DelaMer, seconded by Nancy Sorrentino; motion carries unanimously
- Completion of and signing of Local Human Rights Committee and Affiliated Provider Cooperative Agreement.
 - Agreements have been signed and are on file with the FALHRC from the following affiliates: Structures Youth, Family Preservation, Today's Youth, The Wellness Group, Family Solutions, Dominion Day Services, Lamano Agency, Wall Residences, National Counseling Group, Intercept Youth Services, Heritage House, People, and Family Love
 - Empowerment and Family Guidance have not signed new agreements in order to be in compliance with new regulations

Announcements:

- At this time, 2nd quarter reports are scheduled to be due on July 5, 2011 via email to Family Preservation Services, who will then forward the reports to the committee members. We ask that you use the "old" reporting forms provided by the FALHRC for the reports.
- Paper copies of the new SHRC reporting forms were distributed at the meeting, and electronic copies will be sent to you after this meeting.
- The regularly scheduled meeting to be held on July 15, 2011 will not be held unless committee members determine this is necessary based on submitted reports.

Next meeting: October 14, 2011 at 9:30 at the dRC