

MEETING MINUTES

July 16, 2007

Members Present: Dick Travis, Florence Ferguson, Joe Sharrer

Members Absent: Scott Bennett

Others Present: Chuck Collins, Mark Seymour (Regional HR Advocates), Heather Newland, Eryn Clawson (Pleasant View, Inc), John Humphreys (Fair Haven liaison), Diane Babral (RMH), Justine Waits, Brooke A. Rodgers (Lutheran Family Services), Christy Collins (CC & Associates), Crystal Kwolek (CJ Designs), Mary Ellen Chewning (The Arc liaison), James Hall (DePaul Family Services liaison), Rachel Coffaro (Specialized Youth Services), Holly Albrite and Jean Jackson (HRC SB).

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm.

Introductions were made by those in attendance.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Florence Ferguson, and seconded by Dick Travis to approve the minutes from the April 16, 2007 meeting as written. The motion was approved by the Committee.

ANNUAL PROGRAM PRESENTATIONS

DePaul Family Services – Jim Hall reported that the program continues to have no one served in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County, but he is still trying to recruit families to provide congregate living arrangements in the catchment area. The agency provides services in other nearby localities and is in good standing with licensure.

Harrisonburg League of Therapists – There was no one in attendance from this program. They will be asked to provide an annual program report at the next meeting. (Note: The agency was left off the notification list for this meeting, but this has been corrected and they will be alerted to future meetings).

Specialized Youth Services – Rachel Coffaro from the Child and Family Guidance program of the agency was in attendance and provided some information on incident reporting during the past year. Joe Sharrer requested that the agency's director/human rights liaison attend the next meeting to present the information requested for annual LHRC reporting.

Lutheran Family Services – Justine Watts reported that this program provided intensive in-home services to a total of five children/adolescents from this catchment area during the past year. There were no human rights issues raised in these cases and the program remains in good standing with licensure.

Harrisonburg Rockingham CSB – Holly Albrite provided information on the agency’s human rights training and informal and formal human rights complaints during the past year. Mr. Collins gave further information on the most recent formal complaint, and questions were asked and answered regarding the other formal complaint. Jean Jackson provided information on the CSB’s new peer support program that began during the past year.

OTHER BUSINESS

Bylaws and Nominating Committee – Florence Ferguson reviewed the draft revisions to the HRLHRC bylaws that are of a editing and restructuring nature. It was clarified that there were no substantive changes made to the bylaws. Following discussion, a motion was made by Dick Travis, seconded by Joe Sharrer, and approved by all to approve the bylaws as amended. A copy of the revised bylaws will be provided to Committee and affiliate members.

Dick Travis placed the following names in nomination for LHRC officers for the coming year: Joe Sharrer – Chairperson, Dick Travis – Vice Chairperson, and Florence Ferguson – Secretary. A motion was made by Dick Travis, seconded by Florence Ferguson, and approved by all to elect this slate of officers for the coming year.

HRLHRC Sponsorship Fees – Holly Albrite reported that she has received payment from eight of the twelve affiliate programs. She will email a reminder to those who have not paid yet.

Membership Update – The Committee continues to need another consumer member and no applications were submitted during the past quarter.

Human Rights Revision Status – Chuck Collins reported that the revised regulations are on the Governor’s desk for signature. A copy of the proposed regulations can be found on the DMHMRSAS website.

ADVOCATE REPORT

Mr Seymour

- Has met with two of the local affiliates of children’s services to provide human rights training.
- Reviewed a recent issue with a local provider.

Mr. Collins

- Provided human rights training to providers from the local catchment area during June. There were approximately 40 people in attendance and the Arc was thanked for hosting the event.
- He continues his involvement on the Chief Justice’s Empowerment and Self Determination Task Force. This has been impacted by the Virginia Tech tragedy and Mr. Collins shared what he expects some of the recommended changes to be.

- Reported that he is aware of ten human rights issues in this locality in recent months.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS AND AFFILIATES

- John Humphreys reported on an incident involving a resident at Fair Haven.
- He requested approval by LHRC of Fair Haven's use of a seat belt on a shower chair as Mr. Collins believes that this meets the regulatory definition of a protective restraint. A motion was made to approve this device by Dick Travis, seconded by Florence Ferguson and approved by all.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, October 15, 2007 at 2:00 pm. at the CSB.**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Florence Ferguson
HRLHRC Secretary

Holly Albrite
HRCSB Liaison/Recording Secretary