

MEETING MINUTES

April 13, 2009

Members Present: Florence Ferguson, Dick Travis, Sabrina Rozzell, Sandra Mongold

Members Absent: Page Shields

Others Present: Chuck Collins, Mark Seymour (HR Advocates), Heather Newland and Joanna D'Ercole, (Pleasant View, Inc), John Humphreys (Fair Haven Residential), Mary Ellen Chewning (The Arc), Duane Gingerich (Specialized Youth Services), Marcia DuBois (VAIL), Stephanie Gilman (Crossroads Counseling Center), Judy Otto (CJ Designs), James Collins (Minnick Education Center), Diane Babral (RMH), Holly Albrite (HRCSB)

CALL TO ORDER/MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

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

Introductions were made by those in attendance. Sabrina Rozzell was welcomed to her first HRLHRC meeting as a committee member.

MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2009 meeting as mailed was made by Dick Travis and approved by the committee.

ANNUAL PROGRAM PRESENTATIONS

RMH Behavioral Health Unit – Diane Babral provided the annual report and gave an update on the new RMH facility that will open in 2010. The behavioral health unit will be much larger. They have combined the inpatient and outpatient human rights reporting systems into a single document to improve the quality and continuity of reporting. Ms. Babral reviewed several complaints during the past year. Chuck Collins commended the program for doing a good job with reporting and noted that inpatient units have additional reporting requirements that outpatient programs do not have.

C.J. Designs – Judy Otto provided the annual report and noted that the two residential programs are licensed for a total of 12 individuals and are currently serving 11. Human rights issues during the past year were reviewed and it was noted that the human rights site visit in the fall went well.

Fair Haven Residential – John Humphreys reported that this program has two residential sites licensed for a total of nine individuals. They currently have seven residents and two openings. Renovations at one site have been completed and the residents and staff returned in January 2009 from the temporary location that housed them during renovations. Mr. Humphrey reviewed a breach of confidentiality issue and the follow up he has done as a result.

CC and Associates – Will present at the July meeting

ADVOCATE REPORT

Chuck Collins reported that the State Human Rights Committee (SHRC) meets at Western State Hospital (WSH) this week. Part of the reason for meeting at this location is related to the seclusion case that has received a lot of media attention. Both the SHRC and WSH's Local Human Rights Committee (LHRC) have recommended that the individual be moved to his home locality of Northern Virginia. Mr. Collins reported that the Commonwealth Center for Children and Adolescents (CCCA) that was slated to be closed in July will remain open for at least another year as a result of stimulus funding.

Mr. Collins would like to do his annual presentation on the human rights regulations for this area during May. **The training is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, 2009 from 10:00 to 12:00 at the Simms Building, hosted by the Arc. Please rsvp to Mary Ellen Chewing at the Arc by May 18th with the number planning to attend.**

Mark Seymour updated the committee on the continued plan to move children and adolescent programs in this locality to the LHRC at the Commonwealth Center. A final decision is scheduled to be made at the CCCA LHRC meeting in May. This would impact the following programs currently affiliated with HRLHRC: Crossroads Counseling, Specialized Youth Services, Minnick Education, and Lutheran Family Services. It is hoped that a final decision can be made prior to July when the annual sponsorship fee is due for affiliates.

OTHER BUSINESS/AFFILIATE COMMENTS

Dick Travis asked Florence Ferguson and Sandra Mongold to serve as the nominating committee for next year's HRLHRC officers. They agreed and were requested to bring a slate of nominations to the July meeting.

In response to a request, some guidance on releases for audio-visual releases was provided to John Humphrey from several affiliates.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 13, 2009 at 2:00 pm at the CSB.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Mongold
HRLHRC Secretary

Holly Albrite
HRCSB Liaison/Recording Secretary