

MEETING MINUTES

July 13, 2009

Members Present: Richard Travis, Page Shields, Sandra Mongold

Members Absent: Florence Ferguson, Sabrina Rozzell

Others Present: Chuck Collins, (HR Advocate), Heather Newland (Pleasant View, Inc), John Humphreys (Fair Haven Residential), Mary Ellen Chewning (The Arc), Marcia DuBois (VAIL), Christy Collins(CC and Associates), Crystal Kwolek (CJ Designs), Andree Gitchell (RMH), and 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.

MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2009 meeting as mailed was made by Page Shields and approved by the committee.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A motion was made by Page Shields and approved by the committee members in attendance to continue with the current slate of HRLHRC officers for the coming 2009-2010 year. Richard Travis will continue as chair, Florence Ferguson as vice chair, and Sandra Mongold as secretary.

AFFILIATE UPDATE

Chuck Collins reported that the children and adolescent programs previously affiliated with the HRLHRC have moved to the Commonwealth Center for Children and Adolescents' LHRC in an effort to consolidate children's programs that frequently have offices in multiple localities. Specialized Youth Services, Minnick Education Center, Crossroads Counseling, and Harrisonburg League of Therapists will now be affiliated with the CCCA's LHRC.

ANNUAL PROGRAM PRESENTATIONS

CC and Associates – Christy Collins reported that the program continues to provide services through the Mental Retardation and Developmentally Disabled waivers. The program currently serves fifteen individuals in the Harrisonburg and Rockingham County areas. There were no programmatic changes during the past year. Ms. Collins reviewed the one informal complaint the program dealt with this year.

HR Community Services Board – Holly Albrite provided an overview of programmatic changes at the CSB during the past year including a change in Executive Director and upcoming Medicaid changes. The name change for the state office to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) was noted and there was discussion concerning some of the language and service changes in the intellectual disability service area. Human rights issues at the CSB during the past year were reviewed and elaboration provided on several of the situations.

Richard Travis offered to have the committee lend its support to affiliates regarding funding and other concerns if that would be helpful.

ADVOCATE REPORT

Chuck Collins reported on the state budget concerns noting that the Commissioner sent a memo outlining the possibility of additional cuts of 5%, 10% or 15% for the state office, facilities, and CSBs.

Mr. Collins also updated the committee on the situation with a case at WSH. The individual is now residing in three rooms on a locked ward with no other patients on the ward. The goal is still to move him to Northern Virginia to be closer to family.

Mr. Collins thanked the Arc for hosting the annual human rights training.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 19, 2009 at 2:00 pm at Pleasant View's Day Program at 151 Commerce Drive, Harrisonburg.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF A CASE SPECIFIC TREATMENT PLAN

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to move that the Committee go into executive session under Section 2.2-3711 (A), Subparagraph 15 of the Virginia Code regarding discussion or consideration of medical and mental records.

The Committee met in Executive Session.

Richard Travis moved that the Committee certify that to the best of each member's knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (2) only such public business matter as were identified in the motion convening the executive meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board, and (3) the proposed treatment plan was approved by the committee. The above certifications were confirmed by a roll call of all members present.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Mongold
HRLHRC Secretary

Holly Albrite
HRCSB Liaison/Recording Secretary