

MEETING MINUTES

January 11, 2010

Members Present: Dick Travis, Florence Ferguson, Page Shields

Members Absent: Sabrina Rozzell, Sandra Mongold

Others Present: Chuck Collins, (HR Advocate), Erin Clawson (Pleasant View, Inc), John Humphreys (Fair Haven Residential), Marcia DuBois (VAIL), Andrée Gitchell and Jan Dann (RMH), and Kathy Nelson (HRCSB)

CALL TO ORDER/MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm.

Those in attendance made introductions.

MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes from July 13, 2009 and October 19, 2009 meetings as mailed was made by Dick Travis and approved by the committee.

ANNUAL PROGRAM PRESENTATIONS

VAIL- Marcia DuBois provided the annual report. VAIL continues to provide cross disability services and is licensed by DBHDS to provide supported living and community based day support. The program served 11 individuals in the past year. Marcia reported VAIL is entering their 21st year of service.

Vail conducts human rights training at least yearly. This year VAIL participated in the Human Rights training offered by Chuck Collins. There were no human rights issues in the past year.

RMH Behavioral Health Services- Andrée Gitchell provided the annual report.

The Mental Health Center staff are preparing for the move to their new building scheduled to take place on June 22, 2010. The new unit will be known as Inpatient Behavioral Health. There will be 3 distinct levels of care: non-acute, acute and direct supervision. The unit will have an open nurse's station and all rooms in the new building will be private rooms, which should decrease complaints around roommate issues.

November 2009 the model of care changed on the inpatient unit to Primary Care and the Mental Health Counselor title was changed to Psychiatric Technician.

Staffs receive yearly HR training presented by Chuck Collins and are required to pass a written competency test. Ms. Gitchell reviewed several complaints during the past year and Chuck Collins commended the program for their understanding of Human Rights.

ADVOCATE REPORT

Chuck Collins commented that the state budget proposal before the General Assembly will include some cuts to services that will affect our locality and encouraged all to attend the Coalition Rally in Richmond on Monday January 18.

Chuck reported that CCA, the Commonwealth Center for Children and Adolescents has been housed at a building on WSH grounds since November 2009 after a water main burst flooded the basement of the CCA building. There was a concerted effort to reduce the CCA census at the time of the move to WSH grounds and continues to be less than half full. Chuck reports CCA is again being considered for closure in the proposed budget cuts that will be considered by the General Assembly.

Chuck reported that some areas of the state have seen a great increase in numbers for Intensive In-home providers.

Mr. Collins thanked the Arc for hosting the human rights training that took place on November 20 for the HRCSB and ARC employees. Approximately 100 attended the training.

OTHER BUSINESS /AFFILIATE COMMENTS

Marcia Dubois of VAIL spoke of the potential effect of the proposed budget cuts on Waiver services.

Kathy Nelson of HRCSB reported the CSB is in the process of exploring the feasibility of opening a Crisis Stabilization Program this calendar year.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 12, 2010 at 2:00 pm. It will be held at Rockingham Memorial Hospital's Wine-Price Building located at 752 Ott Street, Harrisonburg.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Mongold
HRLHRC Secretary

Kathy Nelson
HRCSB Liaison/Recording Secretary