

MEETING MINUTES

October 4, 2010

Members Present: Dick Travis, Florence Ferguson,

Others Present: Chuck Collins, (HR Advocate), Heather Newland (Pleasant View, Inc), Andrée Gitchell, Mary Ellen Chewning (The Arc), Crystal Kwolek and Wendy Bumpus (C.J. Designs), John Humphrey's (Fair Haven Residential Services), Kathy Nelson and John Malone (HRC SB).

CALL TO ORDER/MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

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

Those in attendance made introductions.

MINUTES

Committee members received the minutes from the June 14, 2010. Formal approval will occur when a quorum of members are present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chuck Collins read a Letter to the Editor of the Sunday September 19th edition of the Charlottesville paper, The Daily Progress. The letter addressed the writer's opinion of the roles and responsibilities of government.

REVIEW

Dick Travis presented the "SHRC Memorandum" and the current publication of "Human Writes" to the committee, highlighting and reviewing the section that addressed the functions of the LHRC. Dick Travis and Chuck Collins commented on the information on the memorandum that addressed the increase in number of providers across the State and the reduction of positions in the Office of Human Rights.

ANNUAL PROGRAM PRESENTATIONS

The Arc-Mary Ellen Chewning provided the annual report. The Arc is a day support program for adults with a primary diagnosis of intellectual disability. The Arc is currently serving 30 clients, thirty percent, of which, require the use of wheelchairs, walkers or canes for mobility and thirty seven percent, of which, reside in group homes or nursing homes. The Arc currently employs eight full-time staff. There have been no staff turnover since last report. The Arc staff receive annual Human Rights training from the OP Shop Program Coordinator or the Human Rights Advocate, when available. Volunteers receive Human Rights training from the employee designated as the volunteer coordinator. Op Shop clients receive a Human Rights training each October with a PowerPoint presentation in picture format.

Three Peer-to-Peer incidents reported. No other incidents occurred.

Pleasant View, Inc.-Heather Newland provided the annual report. Pleasant View, Inc. offers options for residential and day supports. Residential services include seven

Medicaid waiver group homes, one ICF-MR, in-home services, agency directed companion services, one ICF-MR, in home services, agency directed companion services, sponsored homes and Moyers Apartments. Two center based day programs, a community volunteer program and supported employment are the options available for day support. No Program changes noted for the past year. Human rights training is provided to new employees within 15 business days of hire. Annual Human Rights training occurs during the re-certification training for employees. Ms. Newland reported there were eight human rights incidents since last report.

ADVOCATE REPORT

Chuck Collins offered a Human Right's training for H-R LHRC affiliates and their staff. Once finalized, the date and location of the training will be distributed to the committee affiliates and members by the HRCSB liaison.

OTHER BUSINESS /AFFILIATE COMMENTS

John Malone of Harrisonburg-Rockingham CSB presented a restrictive Treatment Plan requiring a protective medical restraint for an individual to continue services at a local day support program. The plan has been physician prescribed and approved by the parents. The LHRC members reviewed and approved the plan as presented.

Crystal Kwolek of CJ Designs Inc presented a restrictive treatment plan requiring a protective medical restraint to facilitate the ability for individual to function in the program. The device has been physician prescribed. The H-R LHRC committee members reviewed and approved the plan as presented.

John Humphrey's of Fair Haven reported their program has all been reduced to one facility, the Our House Facility which is currently licensed for eight residents.

Mary Ellen Chewning of The Arc reported their program has received a grant for a communication book to facilitate communication for the individuals served at The Arc.

Andree' Gitchell of RMH Behavioral Health reports they are acclimating to their new facility.

Kathy Nelson of H-R CSB reported ground has been broken at the CSB's Main Street location for the new crisis stabilization program. She also requested names of potential recruitments for committee member positions that will vacated at the end of this term year.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 10, 2011 at 2:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the Lucy F. Simms Board Room. The Lucy F. Simms Building is located at 620 Simms Avenue Harrisonburg, VA 22802

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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HRLHRC Secretary

Kathy Nelson
HRCSB Liaison/Recording Secretary