

MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 2011

Members Present: Dick Travis, Florence Ferguson, Page Shield

Others Present: Chuck Collins, (HR Advocate), Heather Newland and Cassandra Howell (Pleasant View, Inc), Andrée Gitchell (RMH), Mary Ellen Chewning and Terri Gibb (The Arc), Crystal Kwolek (C.J. Designs), John Humphrey's (Fair Haven Residential Services), Kathy Nelson, Sarah Albecht and Dickson Sommers (HRCSB), Gayl Brunk, and Stephanie Kissam.

CALL TO ORDER/MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

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

Those in attendance made introductions.

MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes from June 14, 2010 and October 4, 2010 meetings as mailed was made by Page Shields and approved by the committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were shared.

Harrisonburg – Rockingham CSB New Program Presentation:

Sarah Albrecht, Director of Acute Services, and Dickson Sommers, Crisis Stabilization Supervisor, presented an overview of the Crisis Stabilization Program, The Arbor House, along with the program's rules of conduct. The Arbor House is currently in construction and is slated to be opened in the spring of 2011. There was a discussion among Affiliates and Committee Members regarding the proposed State Licensing Regulations as to the number of allowed occupants per bedroom. Florence Ferguson motioned that the Crisis Stabilization Program be approved for affiliation with the H-R LHRC; Page Shields second the motion. The program was unanimously approved for affiliation. Page Shields motioned for the program's rules of conduct to be approved by the Committee, Florence Ferguson second the motion. The Committee unanimously approved the rules of conduct document as presented this date.

ANNUAL PROGRAM PRESENTATIONS

RMH Behavioral Health Services- Andrée Gitchell provided the annual report. Ms. Gitchell reported this to be a year of changes with both Inpatient and Outpatient Behavioral Health Services moving to new locations. She reported on several new safety policies developed and implemented for RMH's Behavioral Health Inpatient Services. Ms. Gitchell reported on the addition of a Care Coordination position to facilitate coordination efforts within the patient's own community at time of discharge. Ms. Gitchell reported on a recent visit by the Joint Commission, noting RMH received a good report. Ms. Gitchell reviewed several programmatic changes within the Partial Hospitalization Program that has improved attention to dual diagnosis treatment.

Ms. Gitchell reported Inpatient and Outpatient Managers attended the Human Rights training provided by Chuck Collins on 11/03/10. The yearly training and competency evaluations for staff of the outpatient and inpatient services will be completed by the end of January 2011.

Ms. Gitchell reviewed 6 informal Human Rights complaints for this year.

ADVOCATE REPORT

Chuck Collins reported on the current state of affairs, noting the state has re-invested 98 million dollars into the mental health system in addition to adding 250 ID Waiver slots. He noted the State is very supportive of Crisis Stabilization programs. Chuck gave an update on the new WSH building project, reporting the project has broken ground with a current projected completion date of April 2013.

Chuck Collins also reported that the SHRC is currently looking at ways to uniform the LHRCs statewide, more information to come on this subject.

OTHER BUSINESS /AFFILIATE COMMENTS

John Humphrey's of Fair Haven expressed the difficulties he was having in obtaining a copy of the proposed State Licensing Regulations.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 11, 2011 at 2:00 pm. The meeting will be held at McNulty Center for Children and Families of the Harrisonburg Rockingham Community Services Board. Located at 463 East Washington Street Harrisonburg, VA 22802.

The Committee went into Executive Session under section 2.2-3711(A) subparagraph 1, of the Virginia Code, for a Personnel Action.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Mongold
HRLHRC Secretary

Kathy Nelson
HRCSB Liaison/Recording Secretary