

# *Harrisonburg-Rockingham Local Human Rights Committee*

## **MEETING MINUTES January 14, 2013**

**Members Present:** Page Shield, Cindy Ring, and Virginia Luong, Gayl Brunk  
**Others Present:** Chuck Collins (HR Advocate), Dianne Fulk (The Arc), Crystal Kwolek and Judy Otto (C.J. Designs), Karen Thomas (Fair Haven Residential Services), Kathy Nelson (HRCSB), Heather N. Corbin and Rebecca Robles (Pleasant View, Inc.), and Natalie Rinaca (RMH), Christy Collins (CC & Associates), Hallie Moorman and Miranda Stein.

### **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 October 15, 2012 meeting as mailed was made by Cindy Ring, seconded by Virginia Luong and unanimously approved by the Committee.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Public Comments.

### **ANNUAL PROGRAM REPORTS**

**Pleasant View Inc.:** Heather Corbin provided the Annual Report. Pleasant View Inc. provides residential and day support services. Heather reports no structural or programmatic changes during the 2012 calendar year. Pleasant View Inc. services underwent a licensure review at the beginning of the year. Some services received a triennial license; others obtained a shorter termed license. Heather reported a total of 6 abuse allegations of which 2 were physical, 1 was verbal, 1 an inappropriate use of restraint, plus an additional 2 others. Heather commented on the medication errors and peer-to-peer reports noted on submitted Quarterly Reports.

**The Arc:** Mary Ellen Chewning was not present to provide the annual report due to a death in the family. The Arc's Annual Report will be moved to April's Agenda.

### **ADVOCATE REPORT**

Chuck Collins shared he provided a Human Right's Training at the Simms building in November 2012 to approximately 100 attendees.

Chuck Collins provided an update on the region's progress with the DOJ requirements and the challenges of finding appropriate placements for individuals being discharged to communities from state training centers.

Chuck Collins provided an update on the START program, now open and providing residential respite and behavioral services to ID individuals residing in Region I.

Chuck Collins updated Affiliates on the progress of the CHRIS, noting the start date is scheduled for March 1 with training for providers scheduled to take place in January and

February. Meanwhile, Affiliates will continue to send all Death and Serious Injury Reports to Stella Stith at the Department's Central Office and Human Rights complaints will continue to be directed to Chuck Collins.

Chuck Collins reported the Human Rights Regulations are in the preliminary stages of being updated. There will be opportunity for public comment prior to final changes. Chuck Collins provided an update on the progress of the new WSH building, which continues to be on track to open the Fall of 2013.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS /AFFILIATE COMMENTS**

Natalie Rinaca of RMH reported Rockingham Memorial Hospital is exploring options to add their Emergency Room location to their current DBHDS license. She also reported RMH recently received a sizeable grant for additional SA services and is currently exploring licensing options.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

**The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 15, 2013 at 2:00 pm.** (The third Monday of the month of January is a Holiday). **The meeting will be held in the Lucy F. Simms Board Conference 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,

Cindy Ring  
HRLHRC Secretary

Kathy Nelson  
HRCSB Liaison/Recording Secretary