

**Loudoun County Local Human Rights Committee (LC-LHRC)
Meeting Minutes**

July 25, 2012 Meeting

1. Meeting was called to order at 10:08 AM

Location: Loudoun County Department of Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Services, 906 Trailview Blvd., Leesburg, VA 20175

2. Those present:

LC-LHRC Members

Delores Grigsby
Ron Johnston, Chair
Barbara Franklin
Kelli Nemer
Kimberly Higginson

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Others:

Angie Baumgartner, Loudoun County Mental Health
Beth Mack, MHSADS
Brittany Simmons, ECHO
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David Yeater, NOVA Family Services
Debbie Bonniwell, Loudoun MHSADS
Haley Gleason, SJCS
Heidi Gardner, Loudoun CSB
Janice Gray, Loudoun CSB
Jesse Kushner
Jessica O'Rourke, CCI
Kelly Neverson, North Spring
Kerry Rojas, PHILLIPS
Kim McDonald, CSI
Lori Perkins, Grafton INH
Lorri Murray, ECHO
Marie Thomas, National Counseling Group
Mark Seymour, Reg. HR Advocate
Martha Loughhead, Community Residences
Mary Ellen Freda, ECHO
Maureen Fowler, INOVA Loudoun Hospital
Melissa Lane, North Spring
Melody Vielbig, Hoffmann and Lebeda
Michele Kasen, Green Meadows
Robin Bell, CSI
Russell Carlton, Grafton
Sandra Kelly, CR

3. Committee observed 10 minute public comment period.

a. Lorraine Murray from ECHO stated that her computer system was replaced and in the process some addresses may have been lost. Please let her know if you did not receive her pre-meeting email.

b. Ron Johnston has chosen the Gmail email address so that it will be transferrable to any new chairperson.

c. Heidi Gardner of the Loudoun County CSB asked what should be done with LHRC documents in their possession now that they are no longer a part of the process. Mark Seymour advised her to contact Angela Harrison at his office.

d. Mark Seymour asked that agencies send serious incident reports to Stella Stith for processing.

e. Ron Johnston stated that he did not receive a quarterly report from North Spring and Community Concepts/Visions. Both agencies have turned their reports in as of the meeting time.

4. Committee moved into a closed session at 10:18 AM.

5. Committee returned for regular session at 11:05 AM.

6. A motion was made by Kelli Nemer to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2012 meeting. The minutes were approved.

7. State update was given by Mark Seymour.

a. There has been a change in focus of the DBHDS due to the DOJ looking at facilities operations. The State found in favor of complainants in a case regarding inadequate living conditions. All individuals will be moved to the situation of their choice by 2020. There should be waiver slots available for these individuals. Not being an orderly progression, there may be individuals who cannot move at the present time. New staff has been hired in the licensing area to process these individuals.

b. Applications for the Commission go to the State Human Rights Committee after they are reviewed by the local HR Committee. Donald Lyons is now the chairperson.

c. The new Western State hospital facility is a self-contained, \$25 million project slated to open in September of 2013. It will contain one bed less than the current facility.

d. A question was asked regarding med errors constituting neglect. Mark Seymour said that med errors may constitute neglect and need to be reported, but are reviewed on a case by case basis. He will get clarification on when to report them.

e. A question was raised regarding the statewide internet logging system. Mark Seymour stated that due to unknown reasons, IT developments stopped before implementation.

8. Ron Johnston spoke regarding affiliate agreements. Agreements are renewed in July and invoices will be sent out this week by Lorraine Murray. Checks in the amount of \$350 should be sent to ECHO.

9. Ron Johnston gave a reminder that the next meeting is on Wednesday, 10/24/12. At the October meeting the dates for the upcoming year are set. He anticipates that those dates are: 1/23/13, 4/24/13, 7/24/13 and 10/23/13.

10. Ron Johnston began the reports review, and asked if IFCS was present. There was no response. He then called for Grafton, Loudoun County CSB, North Spring, Community Systems and St. John's to be reviewed.

11. There were no follow-up actions required.

12. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM.