

MIDDLE PENINSULA-NORTHERN NECK
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF JULY 28, 2008

Vice Chairman Bill Reisner called the regular meeting of the Middle Peninsula-Northern Neck Local Human Rights Committee to order at 1:00 p.m. on July 28, 2008, at the Arc of VA - Lewis B. Puller Center in Gloucester, Virginia. Board members in attendance were: Bill Reisner, Carl Gerster, and Judith Link. Agency representatives included: Paige O'Brien – Blue Ridge Residential Services, Ida Adams – Bridges, Mary Hayden and Catherine Gray – Heart Havens, Chuck Walsh and Joanne Brown – MP-NN Community Services Board, Warren Nesbitt and Patrizia Nesbitt - Sola, Inc., Stacy Hardcastle – Brambles, and Shannan Rose – Arc of VA – Lewis B. Puller Center. Karen Stark - LHRC Administrative Support, Willie Barnes - Human Rights Advocate, and Alice Coates - potential board member were also in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Gerster moved that the minutes from the April 28, 2008 meeting be approved as written. Ms. Link seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Event Report Statistics

Heart Havens – Ms. Hayden reported that eight clients were served (four in Kilmarnock and four in Colonial Beach). The staff to client ratio is 2:4 and 1:4. There were no restraints and no seclusions.

Middle Peninsula-Northern Neck CSB – Mr. Walsh reported that 281 individuals were served in the MR Division, and 291 were served in the RISP division. The staff to client ratio is 1:1 to 1:7 (depending on an individual's needs) in the MR Day Support program, 1:2 to 1:5 in the residential programs, and 1:1 in the RISP program. The MR Division had two client to client abuse cases. It was determined that staff followed proper policy and procedures. There were no incidents of restraint and no program changes. There were 2,866 individuals served in the MH/SA division - though this is not an unduplicated count. There were 3 pending formal complaints filed by one consumer from the 3rd quarter of FY '08 – all determined to be unfounded. In the 4th quarter there was 1 formal complaint filed. The details concerning these complaints will be reported in Closed Session at the next meeting, as the resolution was not reached until the current quarter. There were no incidents of seclusion or restraint, and there were no program changes.

Sola, Inc. – Ms. Nesbitt reported that there are four persons receiving residential services at Sola, Inc. The staff to resident ratio is 1:3 or 2:4. There were no incidents of seclusion or restraint, and there were no program changes.

The Brambles – Ms. Hardcastle reported the residential program has 14 clients. The staff to client ratio is 1:5 in the The Lodge and The Manor, and 1:4 in The Cottage. The staff to client ratio at Day Support is 1:5. There are currently 15 clients three days per week, and 14 clients two days per week. There was 1 reported incident of verbal abuse reported to Human Rights. It was founded. There was 1 medication error. There were no incidents of restraint or seclusion.

Mr. Reisner asked if there has been any information regarding state training in medication administration. Ms. Hardcastle reported and Mr. Walsh confirms that there is still no set training, but that the issue continues to be looked at as the Dept. of MHMRSAS aligns itself more with Board of Pharmacy regulations.

Blue Ridge Residential Services – Ms. O'Brien reported that there were no program changes. There have been no human rights complaints.

Arc of VA – Puller Center – Ms. Rose reported that they have recently moved to their current location of 6632 Main St., Gloucester. They currently serve 11 individuals in the Medicaid Waiver Day Support Program. The staff to consumer ratio of 2:11 in the waiver program; 2:18 in industrial services. There were no human rights complaints filed this quarter. There were no incidents of restraint or seclusion.

Bridges of RGH – Structured Outpatient Unit – Ms. Adams reported that there were no human rights complaints of a general nature. There are a daily average of 7.83 clients in the Bridges program. The staff to client ratio is 1:2. No restraints were used this quarter.

Bridges of RGH Inpatient Unit – No direct inpatient staff were present to report. However, Ms. Adams reported that there was one fall incident on 6/23/08. Ms. Barnes noted that this was not reported to their office within 24 hrs. of the serious incident.

New Business

Mr. Walsh requested permanent affiliation for MP-NN CSB Therapeutic Day Treatment in Colonial Beach Public Schools. The license was reviewed on 6/20/08 and Ms. Brown reports that they have been granted full license status. Ms. Link moved approval of granting permanent affiliation for the Therapeutic Day Treatment in Colonial Beach Public Schools. Mr. Gerster seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Walsh requested temporary affiliation for MP-NN CSB Therapeutic Day Treatment in King William County Public Schools, West Point Public Schools and Lancaster County Public Schools. This program will provide services for children ages 5-13. Mr. Daye has been notified about these programs. The policies and procedures will be the same as those previously submitted and approved for Therapeutic Day Treatment. Mr. Gerster moved approval of granting temporary affiliation for therapeutic Day Treatment in King William County, West Point and Lancaster County Public Schools. Ms. Link seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Ms. Barnes requested that Mr. Walsh e-mail information to her regarding whom the programs will serve and where they will be located.

Ms. Nesbitt requested temporary affiliation for SOLA Day Support Program location #2 – Valley Day Support. This will be a program for clients 18 yrs. and older. They plan to be prepared to open within 6 months. Mr. Gerster moved approval of granting temporary affiliation for Day Support Program #2. Ms. Link seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Ms. Hardcastle requested continued temporary affiliation for their group home the Hacienda. Licensure is coming to the facility on Thursday 7/31 and they hope to open on 8/4/08. Ms. Link moved approval of granting continued temporary affiliation for the group home the Hacienda. Mr. Gerster seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Old Business

Mr. Walsh requested continued temporary affiliation for MP-NN CSB Discovery II and Therapeutic Day Treatment in Westmoreland County Public Schools. They are scheduled to close on property for Discovery II on 8/13 and hope to request permanent affiliation for both programs at the next LHRC meeting in October. Ms. Link moved approval of granting continued temporary affiliation for

Discovery II and Therapeutic Day Treatment in Westmoreland County Public Schools. Mr. Gerster seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Other

Ms. Barnes announced that her office has been relocated at ESH and that the only address at which they can now receive mail is: 4601 Ironbound Rd., Williamsburg, VA 23188. The telephone number will remain the same.

Included on the next meeting agenda will be Brambles request for permanent affiliation for the Hacienda; also the cost to the MP-NN CSB of the LHRC meetings.

Executive Session

On the motion of Mr. Gerster, seconded by Ms. Link, the LHRC voted to go into executive session per VA Code Section 2.2-3711A(4) for the protection of the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business, namely for the purpose of hearing patient related information involving a complaint allegation and for the purpose of interviewing a potential LHRC board member. The affiliates to be heard from are MP-NN CSB and SOLA.

Upon returning to public session, each member of the Committee certified that to the best of their knowledge, only matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and only such matters for the protection of the privacy of individuals and their records in personal matters not related to public business were heard and discussed or considered.

Ms. Link moved that SOLA provide a quarterly update in Executive Session on the behavioral health plan for SG. Mr. Gerster seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Gerster moved that the consensus of the committee is to recommend Alice Coates to the State Board to become a member of the MP-NN LHRC. Ms. Link seconded the motion which passed unanimously. A letter regarding this recommendation was signed by all present board members and submitted to Ms. Barnes.

The board members then heard a presentation from Ms. Rose about the Arc of VA-Lewis B. Puller Center and its work. She explained that the purpose of the center is to provide work and a meaningful day with opportunities for disabled individuals. They receive federal, state, local and private funding. They have many work contracts including braiding for epaulets, packaging spices, computer disassembly, and mailings. They also have waiver participant volunteer opportunities including services for Meals on Wheels, Beaverdam Park, Gloucester Mathews Humane Society and many others. At this new location, they hope to have a privately operated art store where clients will be given employment opportunities as well as art classes.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Stark ☺
LHRC Administrative Support