

## Northwestern Local Human Rights Committee

The next scheduled meeting of the Northwestern Local Human Rights Committee will be on November 10 at Grafton's Ruth Birch Center at 6:00 p.m.

### MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2009 LHRC MEETING

The September 8, 2009 meeting of the Northwestern Local Human Rights Committee was held at Northwestern's Thomas J. Peachey Center in Front Royal.

**Members Present:** Mr. Fred Sabia, Ms. Jeanne Decker, and Ms. Nancy Cartier.

**Others Present:** Chuck Collins and Mark Seymour (Advocates); Kristian Sawyer and Angel Brown (A Place To Call Home); Maureen Cholewka (Blue Ridge Residential Services); Denise Wiitale McFall (Bridging the Gaps); Eileen Martelli (Children's Services of VA); Clif MacDonald (Good Life Corp); Amy Smith, (Grafton); Rebecca Garret and Caroline Soder (Heart Havens); Chris Rousseau (Intensive Supervision); Cassie Phipps (Lutheran Family Services); Emily Johnson and Michele Kasen (NOVA Family Services); John Brauer (NW Works); Tammie Wittmann (Rose Memorial); Mickie Duncan, Barbie Sharp, Sheila Hice (Shen-Paco); Ralph Combs (SVCR); Karen Tompkins (Timber Ridge); Lana Hurt (Wall Residences); and Mandy Caracofe and Rhonda Leith (Where The Heart Is).

**Call To Order:** Mr. Sabia called the meeting to order at 6:10. He asked that everyone introduce themselves and share any new information about their programs.

**Meeting Minutes:** After a correction to the July 14, 2009 minutes from Ms. Phipps Ms. Cartier made a motion to accept the minutes and Ms. Decker seconded, the motion carried.

**Public comments:** None

#### **Comments by LHRC Affiliates or Members:**

- ❖ Bridging the Gaps- Denise announcement as "newlywed"
- ❖ NW Works – Casino Night on 10/29
- ❖ Good Life Corp – having opposition from neighbors for a new group
- ❖ Wall Residences – had update on clients and homes
- ❖ Timber Ridge – football season with 74 total attending school
- ❖ Grafton – in the process of identifying vendor for electronic medical records
- ❖ Shen – Paco – still working on policies and procedures for new group home in Page County; having a karaoke contest on 9/26 as a fundraiser

### **Advocate Update:**

Mr. Seymour stated that with increased in-home services, he was getting questions concerning issues in schools. He would like to hear from all advocates regarding any interference/multi-licensing issues they may have.

Mr. Collins briefly addressed the budget crisis. He was expecting Governor Kaine to make the 15% cut from this fiscal year today. He is sure there will be furloughs which mean pay cuts.

He stated that he had visited with NOVA Family Services today and invited them to network with other agencies. He gave Where The Heart Is notice that he will visit them in November.

### **Program Reports:**

Lutheran Family Services – no verbal report, just provided written report as it was not available at the last meeting.

Rose Memorial

Shen-Paco

Shenandoah Valley Community Residences

**Wall Residences:** Mrs. Hurt requested affiliation with this LHRC as a residential respite serviced has been started in Loudoun County. She sought affiliation with the NOVA Regional LHRC but was informed the NOVA Region no longer covers Loudoun County. Ms. Decker made a motion to extend temporary affiliation with this LHRC for a period of 1 year. Ms. Hurt can request additional time if needed after that 1 year termination. Ms. Cartier seconded and the motion carried. Mr. Seymour will e-mail Mr. Cart (Licensing Specialist) regarding this temporary affiliation.

**Old Business:** Information regarding the dues and reporting questions will be presented at the meeting in November.

**New Business:** Scheduling of 2010 meetings: January 12 – Lutheran Family Services; March 9 – Shen-Paco Industries; May 11 – Rose Memorial; July 13 – NW Works; September 14 – Good Life Corporation; and November 9 – WMC (Kevin wasn't there to volunteer, so he was volunteered).

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:18

Respectfully Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

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Fred Sabia, Chair

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Mark Gleason, LHRC Liaison

