

VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
July 18, 2008

Chuck Collins, Regional Advocate

Members Present

Elizabeth Bouldin-Clopton, Chair
Jeffrey Jones, Vice Chair
Donna Logan, Secretary
Tammy Johnston
Bradley Houff
Josephine Carpenter

Closed Session

Wall Residences, LLC- Kiana Anastopoulos
Family Sharing, LLC- Meneika Keith

Members Absent

Marita Rhodes

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Call to Order	Elizabeth Bouldin-Clopton, Chair called the July LHRC meeting to order and asked that the Board Members introduce themselves.
Approval of Minutes	Upon Motion by Bradley Houff and supported by Donna Logan, May minutes were approved.
Public Comment	Ms. Bouldin-Clopton opened the meeting for public comment and invited individuals to come forward and address the committee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No public comments
Affiliate Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Presentations- Blue Ridge Residential Services was scheduled to present but did not attend meeting. • Ms. Bouldin-Clopton announced that Blue Ridge Residential Services will be re-scheduled to present first at the September 12th meeting.
DePaul Family Services Request (letter filed w/ minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim Hall had requested by letter dated June 16, 2008 that the Valley LHRC allow the Waynesboro Office of DePaul Family Services to regionalize its affiliation with the Valley LHRC. The Waynesboro Office is presently affiliated with five LHRCs in this region; of the current 49 individuals being served by this office, 44 are being served in the Valley catchment area. Out of catchment area includes two individuals with a family in the Rockbridge area, two families in the Harrisonburg/Rockingham area, and one in Stevens City. Mr. Hall stated that all individuals have access to long distance phone service.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Collins asked the committee to refer to page 47 of the Blue Book, #4. This section refers to consolidations of LHRCs. <p>Ms. Logan moved to accept Mr. Hall's request to consolidate, Josephine Carpenter seconded. Motion Carried.</p>
Valley CSB Update	<p>Dana Fitzgerald, Program Supervisor for New Hope Detox:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valley is still operating under an Interim Executive Director, Ms. Brenda Sasser. The position is currently being advertised. • PACT Program moved to 1314 W. Johnson St, Staunton on Tuesday, July 15th. • The 10 apartments at 1314 W. Johnson St. are almost completed and will be ready to rent soon. • Work continues on the apartments at 600 E. Main St, Waynesboro.
Pre-Appointment Medications	<p>Ms. Lonnie O'Baugh, Acting MR Director, presented for Greenstone and Grandview programs. The request is for medication to be available prior to scheduled appointment for ten consumers within the programs. The medication will only be given at appointments in which a treatment will be involved that may cause discomfort or anxiety to the consumer. The Behavior Advisory Committee has approved the request to go forward for final approval. The next step will be to obtain Physicians' orders from each resident's personal care physician; followed by consent from consumer, guardian, and authorized representative. Mr. Collins commented about the Behavior Advisory Committee and its role in reviewing restrictive techniques. Mr. Jones is a member of the committee and is familiar with the pre-appointment medication request. Mr. Houff moved to approve the request for pre-appointment medication with modification that report is given to LHRC in six months. Ms. Logan seconded. Motion Carried. Ms. O'Baugh will provide the committee with physicians' orders and with the review and consent for use of this technique for each of the ten consumers.</p>
LHR Update	<p>Chuck Collins, Regional Advocate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Collins expressed thanks to Gretchen Horton for the fine job that she has been doing handling cases internally. • Mr. Collins met with medical staff at Valley CSB yesterday. They asked questions about human rights and the complaint process. They asked, when it is okay to terminate a client and what to you do when clients do not attend appointment and are non-compliant or if they do not pay. Mr. Collins stated that staff need to work with these clients the best they can, the worse thing to do is to terminate someone that needs services. • New legislation came into legal effect on July 1, 2008. There are numerous changes in the mental

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	<p>health commitment statutes. At the next committee meeting, Mr. Collins will speak more about the specific changes. Mr. Collins recently attended a seminar/training in Richmond sponsored by the Virginia State Bar (Mental Health Commitment Training for Special Justices.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Bouldin-Clopton asked for the general nature of the cases that were reviewed in June/July. • For June: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Case at Heart Haven- Verbal abuse; not founded. 2. Case at Fidura & Associates- Verbal abuse; not founded. 3. 2 VCSB Cases- Resolved through internal process. 4. Family Sharing- Issue; to be discussed later. • For July <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2 Cases at AMC- Requesting discharge assistance; being resolved 2. 5 Cases at VCSB- In process of being resolved. • Mr. Collins commented on a WSH case that has been highly publicized. This is a case of a person who has lived at WSH in a form of seclusion for about 15 years. He is 57 years old, primarily speaks Spanish and has been at WSH since the mid 90's. Because of his paranoid schizophrenia, volatile temper, poor impulse control and propensity for violent behavior, the treatment team at WSH has made the recommendation that this is the least restrictive alternative for him to live safely and also for the safety of other patients and staff. His family and attorneys believe that this is a case where he has been shunned off and they are asking that he be able to interact freely at WSH like other patients. The local HRC at WSH heard this case for three days. Their decision is that this man is living in seclusion and thus WSH violated his rights. Last Friday the case was heard on appeal by the State HRC. There will be another meeting on August 1st in which the State HRC will deliberate.
Affiliation Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Collins asked that it be required for affiliates to attend three of the six scheduled meetings and present their annual report at one of the meetings. Ms. Carpenter motioned that the request be approved, Mr. Jones seconded. Motion Carried. A sign-in sheet will be at each meeting to record attendance. • The annual fee for affiliates is \$250.00; Mr. Collins stated that this fee goes toward the cost associated with support of host agency, refreshments, and also underwriting any costs associated with training that the LHRC might need. • Mr. Jones asked about scheduling meetings at other locations instead of VCSB. No decisions were made.
Closed Session	<p>I, Elizabeth Bouldin-Clopton move that the LHRC go into executive session pursuant to VA Code § 2.2-3711, paragraph A.4. for the protection of the privacy of individuals and their records in personal matters not related to public business, namely to conduct a hearing pursuant to the Regulations."</p>

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	<p><u>Wall Residences, LLC</u></p> <p>Presented on J.P. Request to continue use of bedrails and seatbelt. Documentation provided. Mr. Houff motioned to approve, seconded by Ms. Carpenter. Motion Carried.</p> <p>Presented on B.W. Request for approval of Behavior Plan to prevent stealing. Documentation provided. Ms. Logan motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Houff. Motion Carried.</p> <p><u>Family Sharing, LLC</u></p> <p>Presented on G.P (Mentor). Details provided for outside complaints against mentor of Family Sharing. Board approved corrective action plan for G.P. Agency will report back at end of 90 day probation period for G.P.</p> <p>Presented on W.A. Request to continue use of bedrails. Documentation provided. Ms. Houff motioned to approve use for six months, seconded by Ms. Carpenter. Motion Carried.</p> <p>Presented on R.B. Request to continue use of helmet, passenger shield in car, and knee pads. Ms. Carpenter motioned to approve use for six months, seconded by Mr. Houff. Motion Carried.</p> <p>Presented on E.B. Request to continue use of velcro belt on standing table. Mr. Houff motioned to approve use for six months, Ms. Carpenter seconded. Motion Carried.</p> <p>UNDER THE VIRGINIA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT §2.2-3700 ET. SQ. CODE OF VIRGINIA The LHRC Committee reconvened in Open Session.</p> <p>Upon reconvening in open session, each member of the LHRC certified that only appropriate client related business was discussed. All committee members and advocate attested, stating, I so certify.</p>
Adjournment	The July LHRC Meeting was Adjourned.

NEXT MEETING OF THE LHRC is September 12th at 9:00 a.m.

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September Presenting Affiliates:

Blue Ridge Residential Services
Fidura & Associates
Creative Family Solutions

Meeting Schedule

Please note that meetings may not be scheduled for the 1st Friday!!

September 12, 2008
November 7, 2008
January 9, 2008