

Northwestern Local Human Right Committee

The next scheduled meeting of the Northwestern Local Human Right Committee will be on May 8, 2012 at Grafton in Winchester, VA.

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 7, 2012 LHRC MEETING

The February 7, 2012 meeting of the Northwestern Local Human Rights Committee was held at Lutheran Family Services in Winchester, VA.

Members Present: Ms. Jean Snider; Ms. Audrey Brown; and Ms. Joanne Ebersole

Affiliates Present: Chuck Collins & Mark Seymour (Advocates); Cathy Wolfe-Heberle (Blue Ridge Opportunities); Denise Wiitala McFall (Bridging the Gaps, Inc.); Eileen Martelli (Children's Services of VA); Brian Kesner (Community Alternatives of VA); Scott Worley & Chasity Lawson (Creative Family Solutions); Clif MacDonald & Tammy MacDonald (Good Life Corporation); Amy Smith (Grafton); Eddie Cassidy (Lord Fairfax House); Cassie Phipps & Artea Ambrose (Lutheran Family Services); Alyssa Good (National Counseling Group); Mark Gleason (NWCSB); Emily Johnson (NOVA Family Services, Inc.); Troy Hawkins, Nichole Pangle & John Brauer (NW Works); Janeas Munden (Robert E. Rose Memorial); Mickie Duncan & Barbie Sharp (Shen-Paco); Tina Farmer (SVCR); Karen Tompkins (Timber Ridge School); Lana Hurt & Erika Funkhouser (Wall Residences); Mandy Caracofe & Rhonda Foster (Where the Heart Is); Angela Allmaras (Winchester Addiction Services); Bill Fuqua & Julie Alexander (Winchester Medical Center); and Mary Zirkle (Winchester Community Mental Health Center).

Affiliates Absent: Family Preservation; Heart Havens; and Intensive Supervision.

Others Present: Ms. Katie Bundrick.

Call To Order: Ms. Snider called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. and welcomed everyone. She thanked Lutheran Family Services for hosting and everyone for coming.

Meeting Minutes: Ms. Brown made a motion to approve the November 8, 2011, Ms. Ebersole seconded and the motion carried.

Public Comments: None.

Comments by LHRC Affiliates or Members:

- Mr. Worley from Creative Family Solutions introduced Ms. Chasity Lawson the new Director of Quality Management.
- Ms. Munden from Robert E. Rose Memorial announced that they will be dissolving as of February 15th.

- Mr. Fuqua from Winchester Medical Center introduced Ms. Julie Alexander the new Outreach Coordinator for WMC and Valley Health. This month, six additional beds have been opened. In the next 30-60 days Winchester Medical Center hopes to be at full capacity or 26 beds.
- Ms. Phipps from Lutheran Family Services informed the board that on February 22nd from 5-7 Monkey Joes in Winchester will close to the public to allow children with special needs and their families to play privately. There will also be a conference for the Essential Pieces program on May 18th which will feature local speakers.
- Mr. MacDonald from Good Life Corporation introduced Ms. Tammy MacDonald the new Program Director.
- Mr. Mark Gleason from Northwestern Community Services Board was pleased to announce that they were able to give out over \$1.6 million in pharmaceutical medications last year to clients. A return on investment for the local governments was done and for every dollar given to NWCSB \$26 in services was provided.

Advocate Update:

Mr. Collins discussed the settlement agreement details between the state of Virginia and the Department of Justice. A timetable has been set up to close the five residential institutions serving clients with Intellectual Disabilities. The last institute is scheduled to close in 2020. The general assembly is currently meeting to set aside money for additional Medicaid waiver slots that will fund where these clients go. This will be a gradual change but the state will see a growth in community placement of these individuals.

Mr. Seymour discussed VICAP. Providers and the Community Services Boards are continuing to work through this. If anyone has any questions please feel free to contact Mr. Seymour.

Program Reports: Each affiliates quarterly report was reviewed by the board prior to the meeting. There were no questions raised by the board.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Ms. Hurt from Wall Residences requested to revise the motion from the November meeting. Wall Residences is now requesting to add services in Loudoun County and Harrisonburg/Rockingham. Ms. Brown made a motion to allow the affiliation of Wall Residences for their programs in the Northwestern, Harrisonburg/Rockingham, and Loudoun County areas to fall under the jurisdiction of the Northwestern Local Human Rights Committee, Ms. Ebersole seconded and the motion carried. Mr. Kesner from Community Alternatives informed the board of three new group homes that just opened in Frederick County. All have been inspected and approved by Mr. Chris Cart. Ms. Phipps from Lutheran Family Services told the board that their license expired December 14th due to Mr. Cart and the department not being able to schedule a visit prior to this date. They were awarded a letter of good standing and are currently waiting for a

visit. Ms. Johnson from NOVA Family Services announced their three year accreditation from CARF.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:51. The next meeting of the LHRC will be at Grafton in Winchester.

Executive Session: Ms. Snider made a motion that the LHRC convene into closed session to discuss confidential client matters pursuant to the protection of privacy exemption as noted in Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (A) (4). Ms. Brown seconded and the motion was approved.

Executive session was adjourned at 7:07 where it is certified that only confidential client matters were discussed.

During the Executive Session:

- 1) Wall Residences next of friend Authorized Representative placement was approved.

Respectfully Submitted by: _____
Catherine E. Bundrick, NWCS Administrative Assistant

Jeannie Decker, Chair

Mark Gleason, LHRC Liaison