

Northwestern Local Human Right Committee

The next scheduled meeting of the Northwestern Local Human Right Committee will be on May 13, 2014, at Lutheran Family Services of Virginia. Please go to www.nwcsb.com for directions and meeting information.

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 11, 2014, LHRC MEETING

The February 11, 2014, meeting of the Northwestern Local Human Rights Committee was held at Grafton in Winchester, Virginia.

Members Present: Jeannie Decker; Audrey Brown, Jack Starry, Shelley Drago; Carole Ricker; Joann Ebersole

Advocates Present: Chuck Collins & Mark Seymour

Affiliates Present: Lutheran Family Services of Virginia (Artea Ambrose & Christina Coleman); Timber Ridge School (Karen Tomkins); NW Works (Betsey Anderson & Pam Fishback); Intensive Supervision & Counseling (Christian Rousseau); Lord Fairfax Halfway House (Eddie Cassidy); Grafton (Amber Brown, Amy Smith, Kent Houchins, Kelly Coffman, & Ray Crosen); Valley Health/WMC (Julie Alexander); Winchester Addiction Services (Joemy Zergierski); Shen-Paco Industries, Inc. (Mickie Duncan & Barbie Sharp); Shenandoah Valley Community Residences (Tina Farmer); Community Alternatives of Virginia (Jay Salesky); Bridging the Gaps, Inc. (William Orth); Creative Family Solutions, Inc. (Mary A. Gray); Wall Residences (Lana Hurt); Family Preservation Services, Inc. (Heidi Fields & Alexia Rosen); CORUM Human Services (Patricia Kidd); Winchester Community Mental Health Center (Mary Zirkle & Evelyn Puig); Heart Havens (Dena Goetze); Good Life (Clif & Tammy MacDonald); National Counseling Group (Paul Scardino); Crossroads Counseling Center (Christy Hartman); Northwestern Community Services Board (Mark Gleason).

Affiliates Absent: VABODE/Decision Points, LLC; Blue Ridge Opportunities; Family Insight; NOVA Family Services; and Where the Heart Is.

Others Present: Valley Health/WMC Senior Outpatient Program (Diane Ricci); Community Residences (Julie Allen); Addiction Recovery Systems-Winchester (Steven Singer); and Katie Bundrick.

Call To Order: Jeannie Decker called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. and welcomed everyone. She thanked Grafton School for hosting and everyone for coming.

Meeting Minutes: Audrey Brown made a motion to approve the November 12, 2013, minutes. Jack Starry seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Public Comments/Comments by LHRC Affiliates or Members:

Heidi Fields from Family Preservation Services, Inc. informed the board that they are relocating their Winchester administration office from downtown Winchester to the Kernstown area. This office will now be located at 3363 Shawnee Drive.

NW Works announced that will be hosting a human rights training on Wednesday, March 26th from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Winchester Community Mental Health Center has expanded to 12,000 square feet which includes 30 therapy rooms.

Diane Ricci from Valley Health informed the board of their new senior outpatient program that serves seniors 55 and over with a diagnosis. Everyone was invited to attend their open house which will be held March 12th from 4-7p.m. This program also offers transportation for individuals within a 30 mile radiance.

Advocate Update

Chuck Collins Update:

WSH opened its doors on November 18, 2013. The difference between the old WSH and the new one is night and day. The new hospital is much more therapeutic in so many ways. Each patient now has their own bedroom and bathroom. Currently Mark Seymour manages the admissions unit and Chuck Collins does the extended care unit which includes NGRI patients.

The WSH mission is going to change significantly. Soon, the general assembly will be voting on some changes. A number of possible changes have been highlighted in the local newspapers. One big change will be the extension of time for an ECO. Another change will be a new registry which will give people the ability to locate beds efficiently. This registry will have one position whose sole responsibility will be to update and maintain it. Another change will be having a safety net in place. This will probably fall on the psychiatric hospitals throughout the state who will take on the role of acute care if local beds are not available. Mr. Collins will keep the committee updated as more information becomes available.

Mark Seymour Update:

Mr. Seymour updated the committee on the number of complicated ID cases throughout the state. There have even been some in our area. This is due to the aging ID population. As a result it is getting harder for providers to be able to care for these individuals.

Children's service at the Commonwealth Center in Staunton now has a new director. They will also be seeing the impact of any new legislation from the general assembly.

O&A

None.

Program Reports:

- Community Alternatives of Virginia
- Creative Family Solutions
- Family Preservation Services
- Grafton School
- Northwestern Community Services Board
- Winchester Addiction Services

There were no questions from members on these reports. Ms. Decker announced that they are looking at the possibility of having reports emailed to the board as opposed to printing them out. Further discussion on this will be forthcoming.

Old Business:

The LHRC secretary position description was discussed. The board is looking at possibly rotating this position every two years or so. Also discussed was grouping parts of this position together and giving these to various organizations. At some point an action item on this would need to be done. The committee would like to look at this again at the May meeting.

New Business:

Shen-Paco Industries requested approval of a vehicle harness for two individuals. These were initially approved in 2013 and a renewal of this is requested for 2014. Pictures, doctor's note, and a signed consent were also given to the board. Ms. Audrey Brown made a motion to approve this universal harness for two individuals, Mr. Jack Starry seconded and the motion carried.

Shen-Paco also announced that they have switched from CPI to Ukeru. Good Life Corporation also stated they have changed to Ukeru. Both affiliates had nothing but good things to report about this change.

Wall Residences requested affiliation of two new homes. Ms. Brown made a motion to approve 321 Lora Dr., Woodstock, VA, Mr. Starry seconded and the motion carried. Ms. Brown made a motion to approve 206 Tara Dawn Circle, Broadway, VA, Mr. Starry seconded and the motion carried. Wall Residences also requested approval of a video monitor for a person who is unsettled at night so that the provider can see when this person needs help. This device would be located in the bedroom. Voting on this matter was postponed to a later date as more information was requested by the board.

CORUM requested approval of arm restraints for an individual. This was ordered by the person's physician. Ms. Brown made a motion to approve the arm restraints, Mr. Starry seconded and the motion carried.

Grafton requested to affiliate their Leesburg outpatient program with the NWLHRC. Ms. Brown made a motion to affiliate Grafton's Leesburg program, Mr. Starry seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Gleason announced that many FAPT/CPMT programs in the area are looking for parent representatives to serve on their boards. Winchester FAPT, Warren CPMT, Frederick FAPT, and Frederick CPMT are currently looking for parent representatives. If any affiliates know of any parents that would be interested in being on one these committees please let Mark Gleason or Paul Scardino know.

Mr. Steve Singer from Addiction Recovery Systems of Winchester located at 210 Front Royal Pike in Winchester, VA shared some of his program's information with the board. Currently this program is not open. Mr. Singer hopes to have keys to the new location February 14th. Ms. Brown made a motion contingent on documents being received to affiliate Addiction Recovery Systems Winchester, Mr. Starry seconded and the motion carried.

Ms. Diane Ricci from Valley Health/WMC senior outpatient program requested affiliation for this particular program. Ms. Brown made a motion to affiliate Valley Health senior outpatient program, Mr. Starry seconded and the motion carried.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 by Jeannie Decker. The next meeting of the LHRC will be at Lutheran Family Services of Virginia, on May 13, 2014, at 6:00pm.

Executive Session:

- 1) Board interviews were conducted
- 2) Timber Ridge requested approval of safety protocol for potential contraband
- 3) Grafton requested approval of safety helmet

Respectfully Submitted by: _____
Katie Bundrick, NWLHRC Secretary

Jeannie Decker, Chair

Mark Gleason, LHRC Liaison