

## Northwestern Local Human Right Committee

The next scheduled meeting of the Northwestern Local Human Right Committee will be on March 8, 2011 at Grafton in Winchester, VA.

### MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 18, 2011 LHRC MEETING

The January 18, 2011 meeting of the Northwestern Local Human Rights Committee was held at Lutheran Family Services in Winchester, VA.

**Members Present:** Mr. Fred Sabia, Chair; and Ms. Nancy Cartier

**Affiliates Present:** Chuck Collins (Advocates); Kristian Sawyer & Angel Brown (A Place To Call Home); Kelly Murphy (Blue Ridge Residential Services); David Semanco (Bridging the Gaps, PC); Cynthia du Busc (Community Alternatives of VA); Clif MacDonald (Good Life Corporation); Kent Houchins & Amy Smith (Grafton); Eddie Cassidy (Lord Fairfax House); Cassie Phipps, April Strowbridge, Lynn Waymouth, Maggie Hashemzaden-Irani, Brittany Weber, & Marissa Volino (Lutheran Family Services); Carol Lucking (National Counseling Group); Mark Gleason, Monica Franklin, & Marsha DeHaven (NWCSB); Betsey Anderson & Glenda Anderson (NW Works); Tammie Wittman (Robert E. Rose Memorial); Mickie Duncan, Sheila Hice, & Barbie Sharp (Shen-Paco); Debbie Young (SVCR); Lana Hurt (Wall Residences); and Gayle Shanholtz (Winchester Medical Center).

**Affiliates Absent:** Blue Ridge Opportunities, Children's Services/ Crossroads Counseling, Creative Family Solutions, Family Preservation, Inc., Heart Havens, Inc., Intensive Supervision, NOVA Family Services, Inc., Timber Ridge School, Where the Heart Is, and WINC Community Mental Health Center.

**Others Present:** Katie Bundrick.

**Call To Order:** Mr. Sabia called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. and welcomed everyone. He thanked Lutheran Family Services for hosting and everyone for coming.

**Introductions:** Mr. Sabia asked everyone in attendance to introduce themselves.

**Meeting Minutes:**

**Public Comments:** None

**Comments by LHRC Affiliates or Members:**

- Ms. Shanholtz from Winchester Medical Center announced that as of January 12 they would be under Diamond Health Care. Bill Fuqua is the new director. He is looking at expanding to 26 beds.

- Ms. Murphy from Blue Ridge Residential Services told the board that they were voted one of the best places to work in Virginia. They will be featured in the February 2011 Business Journal.
- Ms. Phipps from Lutheran Family Services introduced their three interns from Shenandoah University. These interns have played a major role in keeping the Essential Pieces program free of charge.
- Ms. Hurt from Wall Residences informed the board that they are now licensed to provide children's services.
- Ms. Anderson from NW Works announced that on January 3 they moved into their new facility. The new building is two times the size of the previous one and everyone is really enjoying it.
- Ms. du Busc from Community Alternatives of Virginia told the board that Janet James from Virginia Guardianship Program came to inspect two of their homes in Woodstock. Ms. James was very impressed with the staff and their efforts.
- Ms. Sawyer from A Place to Call Home was pleased to inform the board of their new program. They are working with 11-12 year old students who come participate in activities with the clients. They are learning appropriate terminology and wording in conjunction with their Civics class.
- Ms. Smith from Grafton told the board that as of January 1 Grafton is the owner of Graydon Manor. Graydon Manor will continue to keep its license.

#### **Advocate Update:**

Mr. Collins informed the board that in mid-December the commissioner released a report with next years projected budget. On that report was 250 MR Waivers and \$98 million projected for MH reinvestment in the community. Western State is moving forward on their new hospital. It is expected to open in the spring of 2013. The State Human Rights Committee has outlined some changes in order to standardize operations for the 78 LHRCs throughout the state. The exact changes are still unclear but affiliates will be updated when further information is available.

#### **Program Reports:**

- A Place to Call Home
- Children's Services of VA- not present, to report in March
- Blue Ridge Residential Services
- Bridging the Gaps

**Old Business:** Mr. Gleason announced that the 2011 Affiliation Agreement is due February 28, 2011. There will be no annual fee this year. The May meeting which was originally scheduled to be held at Winchester Community Mental Health Center has been moved to NW Works. This is just a location change the meeting will still be held on May 10. Mr. Gleason again asked the affiliates for help finding more board members.

**New Business:** Mr. Semanco from Bridging the Gaps gave a brief presentation on their new Neurofeedback service. Ms. Hurt from Wall Residences requested the use of TOVA restraints for people who have self-injurious behaviors. Approval for this was deferred to the next LHRC meeting but Ms. Hurt was told to implement if needed.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:27. There will be a 10 minute break before re-convening into Executive Session. The next meeting of the LHRC will be at Grafton in Winchester.

**Executive Session:** Mr. Sabia motioned 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. Cartier seconded and the motion was approved.

Executive Session was adjourned at 8:17 where it is certified that only confidential client matters were discussed.

During the Executive Session:

- 1) Northwestern Community Services and Community Alternatives of Virginia next of friend Authorized Representative placement was approved.
- 2) Shen-Paco was given approval to implement a behavioral intervention plan for one of their clients.

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