

## Northwestern Local Human Rights Committee

**The next scheduled meeting of the Northwestern Local Human Rights Committee will be on July 14, 2009 at Timber Ridge School at 6:00 p.m.**

### **MINUTES OF THE May 12, 2009 LHRC MEETING**

The May 12, 2009 meeting of the Northwestern Local Human Rights Committee was held at the Conference Center at Winchester Medical Center in Winchester.

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

**Others Present:** Chuck Collins (Advocate); Mark Seymour (Advocate); Kristian Sawyer and Angel Brown (A Place To Call Home); Cathy Wolfe-Heberle (Blue Ridge Opportunities); Denise Wiitala (Bridging the Gaps); Eileen Martelli (Children's Services of VA); Heidi Fields (Family Preservation Services); Clif MacDonald (Good Life Corporation); Amy Smith, Dana Papke, Kelly Coffman (Grafton); Rebecca Garrett and Caroline Soder (Heart Havens, Inc); Chris Rousseau (Intensive Supervision); Eddie Cassidy (Lord Fairfax House); Cassie Phipps and April Strowbridge (Lutheran Family Services); Paul Scardino (National Counseling Group, Inc.); Greg Strosnider and Tammie Wittmann (Rose Memorial); Mickie Duncan and Sheila Hice (Shen-Paco); Ralph Combs (SVCR); Karen Tompkins and John Lamanna (Timber Ridge); Lana Hurt (Wall Residences); Mandy Caracofe (Where The Heart Is); and Gayle Shanholtz and Kevin Young (WMC). Ms. Darlene Gotterup and Ms. Nicole Pangle were also in attendance.

**Call To Order:** Ms. Doering called the meeting to order at 6:12 P.M. She announced to the group that this would be her last meeting and thanked everyone for "putting up" with her. She asked everyone to introduce themselves as she sees new faces at every meeting.

**Meeting Minutes:** Ms. Decker made a motion to accept the minutes of March 10, 2009 and Ms. Cartier seconded, the motion carried.

**Public comments:** Mr. Collins presented Ms. Doering with a Certificate of Recognition for her service on the LHRC for six years. He stated to the group that this was a very unique LHRC, he is affiliated with 11 throughout the state. Much of the success is due to the leadership of the committee. Ms. Doering will be missed but after one year she can come back. Mr. Sabia was elected as Chair and Ms. Decker was elected as vice-chair.

**Comments by LHRC Affiliates or Members:** Mr. Rousseau invited the group to a Conference being held at Shenandoah University in the Ferrari Room entitled "Community Commitment 4 Change". To register for the conference: [rsvp@lfsva.org](mailto:rsvp@lfsva.org) Ms. Phipps will get the information to Gail to send out to all affiliates.

### **Advocate Update:**

Mr. Seymour announced to the group that Commonwealth Center is still operating as usual. It has not indicated any reduction or closure at this time. He will keep us updated as the need for children services continue to grow.

Mr. Collins discussed the budget reported that according to Governor Kaine revenue has not reached what was expected, this will be watched very closely.

### **Program Reports:**

#### **Children's Services of Virginia**

**Grafton**

**Heart Havens**

**Intensive Supervision**

**Lord Fairfax House**

Mrs. Doering stated thanked the presenters for their brief reports, and no further action was required.

### **Program Updates:**

**Wall Residences:** Ms. Hurt provided an updated listing of sponsored placements.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 to convene into Executive Session

**Executive Session:** Ms. Cartier 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. Decker seconded and the motion was approved.

Executive Session was adjourned at 8:25 PM

### **Return to Public Session:**

The LHRC returned to Public Session at 8:25 PM. upon a motion from Ms. Decker. The motion was approved by the LHRC. It was certified that only confidential client matters pursuant to the protection of privacy exemption as noted in Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(4) were discussed.

The following action items were taken within Executive Session:

1. New applicant was interviewed for committee. Her application will be

- forwarded to the State LHRC office for approval.
2. Grafton: Committee approved 3 new behavioral modifications. They will report back at the next meeting on time out interventions and student compliance. (Decker/Sabia)
  3. Good Life: Committee approved use of medical restraint in wheel chair for safety of client. He will report back in 4 months with update or earlier if needed. (Decker/Cartier)

**Close of Meeting/Scheduling of Next Meeting:** 2009's meetings are as follows: July 14, 2009 at Timber Ridge School; September 8, 2009 at Northwestern Community Services; and November 10, 2009 at Grafton.

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