

Northwestern Local Human Right Committee

The next scheduled meeting of the Northwestern Local Human Right Committee will be on July 13, 2010 at NW Works in Winchester, VA.

MINUTES OF THE MAY 11, 2010 LHRC MEETING

The May 11, 2010 meeting of the Northwestern Local Human Rights Committee was held at Rose Memorial in Winchester, VA.

Members Present: Mr. Fred Sabia, Chair; Ms. Jeannie Decker, Ms. Jean Snider and Ms. Nancy Cartier.

Members Absent: Ms. Eileen Manuel and Ms. Darlene Gotterup.

Affiliates Present: Chuck Collins and Mark Seymour (Advocates); Cathy Wolfe-Heberle (Blue Ridge Opportunities); Eileen Martelli (Crossroads/Children's Services of VA); Brian Kesner (Community Alternatives of VA); Clif MacDonald (Good Life Corporation); Kim Sanders, Kelly Coffman, Amy Smith (Grafton); Lanette Wood and Caroline Soder (Heart Havens); Chris Rousseau (Intensive Supervision); Eddie Cassidy (Lord Fairfax House); Diann Coulson (National Counseling Group); Gail Partlowe (NWCSB); Glenda Anderson and Betsey Anderson (NW Works); Tammie Wittman (Rose Memorial); Mickie Duncan, Barbie Sharp, Sheila Hice (Shen-Paco); Tina Fauver (SVCR); Karen Tompkins (Timber Ridge); Lana Hurt (Wall Residences); Mandy Caracofe (Where The Heart Is); and Mary Zirkle (WINC Community MH Center).

Affiliates Absent: A Place To Call Home; Blue Ridge Residential Services; Bridging the Gaps, Family Preservation; Lutheran Family Services; NOVA Family Services; and Winchester Medical Center.

Call To Order: Mr. Sabia called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone. He thanked Rose Memorial for hosting and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Meeting Minutes: Ms. Snider made a motion to accept the March 9, 2010 minutes, Ms. Decker seconded and the motion carried.

Public Comments: None

Comments by LHRC Affiliates or Members:

- Shen-Paco announced that Mr. Chris Cart had visited them and everything was good, no citations.
- Timber Ridge announced that Dr. Lyons, developer of CANS, would be at their location tomorrow, May 12 from 8:30 to 12:30.

- Mr. Collins announced that Sunshine House (NWCS) would be holding their 25th Anniversary Open House on May 13th.
- Ms. Cartier announced that her Charmers Group had performed in Front Royal and had received standing ovation.
- SVCR has purchased another home to renovate.
- Wall Residences will have 18 clients by the end of the month.
- Blue Ridge Opportunities announced that they hosted a symposium a couple of week ago basically helping parents transition their children from middle school to high school. Most parents had no idea what the next step involved or how to begin.

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Collins recognized Ms. Jean Snider for her many years of dedicated service and calm wisdom she had given to the committee. He presented her with a certificate from the State's Human Right's Office and a gift. Ms. Snider thanked the committee and all the affiliates associated. She had learned so much over the many years. Mr. Collins stated she could take a year off to rest but wanted her back at the end of that year.

Advocate Update:

Mr. Seymour announced that Commonwealth Center is back up and operational at its original facility. The adolescent unit at Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute in Marion, Virginia is closing that handled 200 admissions a year. Will Commonwealth Center be able to pick up all those extra admissions, time will tell.

Growth of Intensive In-Home treatment is posing quite a problem for children's agencies as psychiatrists are much in demand.

Mr. Collins stated that the "acting" had been removed from the title of our new commissioner. The Central Office is being reorganized, which will bring changes.

Mr. Collins stated that the duties for Western State Hospital had been divided between he and Mr. Seymour. Mark has the admissions side and he deals with the long term, which he enjoys.

He stated he had made his "Route 11" visits today. He stopped at a home that provides services to six brain injury veterans from Afghanistan and Iraq, not in our catchment area. He also stopped at Sunshine House and Community Alternative's new program. He reminded the group that on the day of the meeting he could pop in anywhere.

Program Reports:

- Grafton
- Heart Havens
- Intensive Supervision
- Lord Fairfax House

Program Update:

Wall Residences requested approval for a restraint on a client as needed. This was included in the clients' ISP. Ms. Decker made a motion to approve this type of restraint for this client and Ms. Cartier seconded. The motion carried.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Shen-Paco announced that their group home in Page County (1068 Judy Lane, Stanley) is opening on 6/1/10 and will house 4 residents.

WINC Community Mental Health Center requested affiliation. There was an error on the brochure regarding preadmission screening, which will be corrected. This agency is located behind the Social Security office on Ricketts Drive. Ms. Decker made a motion to grant conditional affiliation until licensure is secured. Ms. Snider seconded. The motion carried. Ms. Zirkle will request permanent affiliation once her license is received.

Crossroad Counseling requested temporary affiliation for their Culpeper Office, which opened in 2008, until July 27, 2010 when they will ask for permanent affiliation with the LHRC in the Rappahannock CSB area.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:05. There will be a 10 minute break before re-convening into Executive Session. The next meeting of the LHRC will be at NW Works, 828 Smithfield Avenue. They are expecting to move into their new facility later this year.

Executive Session: Ms. Decker 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 7:40 where it is certified that only confidential client matters were discussed.

Respectfully Submitted by: _____
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Fred Sabia, Chair

Mark Gleason, LHRC Liaison

