

Northwestern Local Human Right Committee

The next scheduled meeting of the Northwestern Local Human Right Committee will be on August 12, 2014, at Timber Ridge School. Please go to www.nwcsb.com for directions and meeting information.

MINUTES OF THE May 13, 2014, LHRC MEETING

The May 13, 2014, meeting of the Northwestern Local Human Rights Committee was held at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Winchester, Virginia.

Members Present: Jeannie Decker; Audrey Brown; Jack Starry; Carole Ricker; Joann Ebersole; Katie Anderson (new member); Mark Gleason

Advocates Present: Chuck Collins, Mark Seymour

Affiliates Present: Blue Ridge Opportunities (Cathy Heberle); Bridging the Gaps (William Orth); Crossroads Counseling (Christine Hartman); Community Alternatives of Virginia (Jay Salesky/Michael ?); Corum Human Services (Patricia Corum-Kidd); Creative Family Solutions (Mary Ann Gray); Family Preservation Services (Alexia Rosen); Good Life Corporation (Clif McDonald); Grafton (Amy Smith); Intensive Supervision (Chris Rousseau); Lord Fairfax House (Eddie Cassidy); Lutheran Family Services of Virginia (Artea Ambrose/Christina Coleman/Cassie Purtlebaugh); National Counseling Group (Paul Scardino); Northwestern CSB (Mark Gleason); Nova Family Services (Emily Johns); NW Works (Glenda Anderson/Pam Fishback); SVCR (Ralph Combs); Timber Ridge School (Karen Tomkins); Valley Health Senior Outpt BHP (Joan Monahan); Wall Residences (Lana Hurt); Winchester Medical Center (Julie Alexander); Winchester Community MH Center (Evelyn Perez)

Affiliates Absent: Family Insight; Heart Havens; Shen-Paco; Where the Heart Is; Winchester Addiction Services

Call To Order: Jeannie Decker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone. She thanked Lutheran Family Services of Virginia for hosting and everyone for coming.

Executive Session convened at 6:02pm

Wall Residences - Use of video monitor discussed to protect the safety of consumer.

Audrey Brown made motion to approve video monitor. Jack Starry seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Shenandoah Valley Community Residences – Protective helmet request

Jack Starry made motion to approve protective helmet request. Audrey Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Granted for one year.

Introductions of Committee Members, Affiliates, and Guests

Meeting Minutes: Minutes could not be approved because they were not present. This will be carried to next meeting.

Public Comments/Comments by LHRC Affiliates or Members

Winchester Community Mental Health Center – Adding TDT to license, request affiliation from committee – stated “integrated model”

Where proposed to serve: Frederick County – Elementary Schools and an after-school program

This is being requested in case they are selected as agency of choice through RFP process

Audrey Brown made motion to approve TDT license as affiliated with LHRC; Carole Ricker 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Wall Residences – shared information pertaining to Arc of NSV for conference. You must attend conference in order to be eligible for possible training and follow-up. Saturday, November 1, 9-4pm. Contact Niki Pangle at the Arc of NSV for more information.

National Counseling Group – Crisis stabilization services – in process of licensure modification; existing program in other areas of the state; seeking affiliation for this service in the Northern Shenandoah Valley. Works with youth and adults to prevent hospitalization – responds to crises; therapy; prescribing nurse practitioner for psychiatric evaluations, scripts, etc. “Whole treatment package” Service is a “mobile” crisis unit. On-call number will be provided with staff on each shift – licensed person screens and then provides crisis stabilization (IIHS based on an emergency for adults and non-adults over a period of time). Audrey Brown made motion to affiliate crisis stabilization in this area; JoAnn seconded; Motion carried. **Need letter from Mark Gleason.**

FPS is co-sponsoring with Winchester DSS a training on trauma – free, but limited amount of space. May 30 from 2-5pm, FPS will have an open house in new location located at 3363 Shawnee Drive, Suite 1. Head Start After-School program – requesting affiliation for this TDT program. Audrey Brown made motion; Carole Ricker 2nd the motion. Motion carries. **Need letter from Mark Gleason.**

Grafton – continuing ABA but discontinuing outpatient program. Clinicians will be transferred to Leesburg location (Dominion). Census will be significantly decreased on next quarterly program.

Advocate Update

Chuck Collins Update:

Thanks to Glenda and Pam for sponsoring human rights training at NW Works.

Mr. Collins also thanked Jeannie Decker for her many years of service to this LHRC.

- a. New Human Rights Regulations -Will take 12-18 months to put in effect
- b. Continuing with current regulations
- c. New commissioner – Commissioner Ferguson – She is from Illinois and has held important titles in that area
- d. Department continues to focus on closing training centers and placing clients in appropriate alternative/community-based settings

- e. Changes in statutes with re: to mental health laws - expansion of time for ECO and TDO – these can now go up to 12 hours (ECO). TDO can now go up to 72 hours; central registry for availability of psychiatric beds within the regions (not working perfectly yet b/c data is input in morning and evening, but much better improvement than previously)
- f. Number of TDO's have spiked 23% since January; People from community are directly admitting to Western State Hospital to much greater degree

Mark Seymour Update:

- a. If you have been trying for 8 hours to find a placement, state has to take over and provide placement
- b. Increase in ECO and TDO – Commonwealth has been full – level of need is high in intensity, and great mix of kids in placement

Program Reports:

- a. Good Life Corporation
- b. Heart Havens
- c. Intensive Supervision- **tabled until next meeting**
- d. National Counseling Group
- e. Timber Ridge School – **tabled until next meeting – also still need data form**
- f. Where the Heart Is – **tabled until next meeting**

There were no questions from members on these reports. Reports that were late will be reviewed by members and discussed at next meeting.

Old Business:

- a. Forms & Schedule – <http://www.nwcsb.com/lhrc.php>
- b. Reminder: 10 copies of reports mailed to Cassie Purtlebaugh, LFSVA, 225 East Pall Mall Street, Winchester, VA, 22601
- c. Secretarial position – rotation and duties – William Orth will be taking over secretarial position for 2015
- d. Emailing reports discussion – submission of reports is up to secretary in the position at the time – Jack Starry made motion to approve. Audrey Brown seconded. Motion carries.

New Business/Program Requests:

- Election of officers: Jeannie made motion that Audrey be nominated to fulfill chairperson for upcoming term. Carole Ricker 2nd the motion. Motion carries unanimously. Audrey is in agreement with the nomination.
- Wall Residences – Affiliation request – provider who moved from one home to another; walk-through has not occurred yet (Vincent – 136 Berry's Ferry Road, White Post, VA). Motion to approve change in residence by Jack Starry; 2nd by Audrey Brown; Motion carries.

- Lutheran Family Services of Virginia – TDT after-school license has been renewed for 6 months; Outpatient ABA license renewed as well. Motion to approve LFS license renewal by Audrey Brown; 2nd by Jack Starry; motion carries.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 by Jeannie Decker. The next meeting of the LHRC will be at Timber Ridge School on August 12, 2014.

Motion to re-enter Executive Session by Audrey Brown, seconded by Jack Starry:

Good Life Corporation: Appointment of Next Friend/AR (Marvel Burr) for client who has been at Good Life for several years is requested. Audrey Brown made motion to approve Ms. Burr for AR/Next Friend for identified client. Jack Starry 2nd. Motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted by: _____
Casalyn Phipps Purtlebaugh, MA, LHRC Secretary

Jeannie Decker, Chair

Mark Gleason, LHRC Liaison