

NORTHWESTERN LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE (LHRC)

The next scheduled meeting of the Northwestern Local Human Rights Committee will be on August 11, 2015 at Winchester Medical Center. Please go to <http://www.nwcsb.com/lhrc.php> for meeting information.

MINUTES OF THE MAY 12, 2015 MEETING

The May 12, 2015 meeting of the Northwestern Local Human Rights Committee was held at Grafton Integrated Health Network.

Members Present: Katie Anderson

Members Absent: Carol Rinker, Joann Ebersole, Audrey Brown, Jack Starry, Shelley Drago, Kim Kwiatkowski

Advocates Present: Mark Seymour

Advocates Absent: N/A

Affiliates Present: Bridging the Gaps (William Orth), Community Alternatives (Jay Salesky), Corum Human Services (Patricia Kidd), Creative Family Services (Dyane Winn, Mary Ann Gray), Crossroads Counseling Center (Christine Hartman), Family Preservation Services (Alexia Rosen), Good Life (Clif MacDonald), Grafton Integrated Health Network (Amy Smith), Heart Havens (Domenik Gonzales-Santos), Intensive Supervision & Counseling Service (Chris Rousseau), Lutheran Family Services of Virginia (Artea Ambrose), National Counseling Group (Paul Scardino), Northwestern Community Services Board (Mark Gleason), NOVA Family Services (David Yeater, Emily Johnson), NW Works (Betsey Anderson, Troy Hawkins), Shenandoah Valley Community Residences (Ralph Combs), Shen-Paco Industries (Mickie Duncan, Barbie Sharp, Shandal Powell), Timber Ridge School (Karen Tompkins), VHS Senior Structured Outpatient Program (April Lubkemann), Wall Residences (Todd Stehlin, Lana Hurt), Winchester Addiction Services (Suzanne Bales), Winchester Community Mental Health Center (Mary Zirkle)

Affiliates Absent: Blue Ridge Opportunities (Cathy Wolfe-Heberle), Lord Fairfax House (Eddie Cassidy), VHS Valley Behavioral Health (Debbie Weber), VHS Winchester Medical Center (Julie Alexander, Joan Monahan), Where the Heart Is (Mandy Caracofe, Rhonda Foster)

Executive Session: Executive session began at 6:13 p.m. For Wall Residences, 2 next friend authorized representatives were approved. AR-HG approved for client BH and AR-EA approved for client MS. For Good Life, 1 next friend authorized representative was approved. AR-JB approved for client R(F)W. Executive session ended at 6:47 p.m.

Call to Order: Mark Seymour called the meeting to order at 6:49 p.m. and welcomed everyone. He thanked Good Life for hosting and everyone for coming.

Introductions of Committee Members, Affiliates, and Guests

Meeting Minutes: Approval of February 10, 2015 minutes were tabled to August meeting. Mark Gleason will see to it that they are uploaded to the NWCSB website once approved.

Public Comments/Comments by LHRC Affiliates or Members:

1. Lutheran Family Services of Virginia – Artea Ambrose is interim director as Cassie Purtlebaugh has resigned.
2. Shenandoah Valley Community Residences – Ralph Combs spoke briefly on the adjustment to the changes in regulations and decreased funding from the DBHDS. A primary concern is one on lease agreements for group homes, specifically in neighborhoods with homeowners associations.
3. Timber Ridge School – Karen Tompkins is retiring at the end of June. No mention of a replacement at this time.

Advocate Update:

1. Mark Seymour:

New Human Rights regulations have been in effect since 10/2014, although this is the first time the LHRC or its affiliates were informed of their implementation. The 10/2014 regulations are now on the DBHDS website and are located under human rights on the individuals tab. There are no major substantive changes at this time. Mr. Seymour noted that LHRC affiliates may be to amend their current Human Rights plans to date reference the new regulations.

Currently there are 78 local human rights committees throughout the commonwealth. In the future, there may be regional human rights committees instead of local human rights committees. Our region consists of 29 counties and 13 cities.

Program Reports:

1. Good Life
2. Heart Havens
3. Intensive Supervision & Counseling Services
4. National Counseling Group
5. Timber Ridge School
6. Where the Heart Is

Approval of program reports was tabled to August meeting.

Old Business:

1. Forms and schedule are available on NWCSB website. Reports are now divided between single site affiliates and multiple site affiliates. Please use CHRIS reports AB-07 and COMP-07 to show data without client names.
2. William needs 10 copies of reports mailed to 423 West Cork Street, Winchester, VA 22601-3812. 9 stapled and 1 unstapled. Single sided only please.
3. Please send agenda items via email with all necessary attachments separate from report submissions.
4. Do not send emails to lhrc@bridgingthegaps.com. It is an affiliate distribution list used by William. Hitting "reply all" will go to all affiliates.

New Business:

1. Program Requests
 - a. Shenandoah Valley Community Residences – Ralph Combs is seeking review for the use of a protective helmet. Approval tentatively granted by Mark Seymour for formal approval at August meeting.
 - b. National Counseling Group – Paul Scardino is seeking approval of the TDT Summer Program handbook and locations for Shenandoah County and Frederick County. Handbook approval tentatively granted by Mark Seymour for formal approval at August meeting. Paul will send William a letter once Chris Cart approves the summer locations.

- c. Family Preservation Services – Alexia Rosen is seeking approval of the TDT Summer Program rules. Approval tentatively granted by Mark Seymour for formal approval at August meeting.
- d. Grafton Integrated Health Network – David Alley is seeking approval of the use of both a male wrestling singlet and a female wrestling singlet as well as the use of a protective helmet. Approval tentatively granted by Mark Seymour for formal approval at August meeting.
- e. NOVA Family Services – Emily Johnson is seeking advice on monitoring a client’s behavior. REACH is asking for camera monitoring. Recording can only occur in common areas and not include other clients. Emily was encouraged to contact Grafton Integrated Health Network, as they have had great success with this type of scenario in the past. Emily will follow-up, if necessary, at August meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. by Mark Seymour. The next meeting of the LHRC will be:
August 11, 2015
Winchester Medical Center

Respectfully Submitted by:

William F. Orth, LHRC Secretary

Katie Anderson, Chair

Mark Gleason, LHRC Liaison