

Northwestern Local Human Rights Committee

The next scheduled meeting of the Northwestern Local Human Rights Committee will be on January 13, 2009 at Lutheran Family Services at 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 18, 2008 LHRC MEETING

The November 18, 2008 meeting of the Northwestern Local Human Rights Committee was held at the Ruth Birch Center in Winchester.

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

Others Present: Chuck Collins (Advocate); Mark Seymour (Advocate); Mark Gleason (Liaison/NWCS); Clif MacDonald (Good Life Corporation); Lori Donovan (SVCR); Amy Smith, Kim Sanders and Dana Papke (Grafton); Heidi Fields (Family Preservation Services); Cassie Phipps and Lynn Kauffman (Lutheran Family Services); Frank Valentine (National Counseling Group, Inc.); Denise Wiitala (Bridging the Gaps); Curt Sawyer (A Place To Call Home); Lana Hurt (Wall Residences); A.G. Parks?(NOVA Family Services, Inc.); June Bowman (Children's Services of VA); Karen Tompkins (Timber Ridge School); Eddie Cassidy (Lord Fairfax House); Chris Rousseau (Intensive Supervision); Caroline Soder and Rebecca Garrett (Heart Havens); John Brauer and Carol Cave (NW Works); Kevin Young, Karen and Susan (WMC); and Gail Partlowe (NWCS).

Call To Order: Ms. Doering called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M. She thanked Amy for hosting the meeting and providing refreshments. All LHRC affiliates in attendance introduced themselves, and report of positive things happening in their program.

Meeting Minutes: Ms. Cartier made a motion to accept the minutes of September 9, 2008 and Ms. Snider seconded, the motion carried.

Public comments: None

Advocate Update: Mr. Collins was glad to hear of all the many positive things going on within the programs. He reported on the budget cuts by Governor Kaine to the DMHMRSAS of 15%. The human rights office lost two positions, licensing office also lost two positions. The commissioner has stated the cuts may not be over as more reductions could take place in July 2009. Agencies will need to do more with less funding.

He provided an update to the group of the gentleman who has been in "seclusion" at Western State.

Program Reports:

N W Works: John Brauer

Timber Ridge School: Karen Tompkins

Wall Residences: Lana Hurt

WMC: Kevin Young

It was discussed among the committee members to limit the time frame of the reports from the programs. The programs have already submitted their policies and procedures and their annual reports should only consist of changes to their programs, any citations they received and what they did to correct them

Old Business: None

New Business: Ms. Phipps also manages the Harrisonburg office of Lutheran Family Services. She requested consolidation of both programs to this LHRC. After discussion, Ms. Snider made a motion to accept the consolidation and Ms. Cartier seconded, the motion carried. Mr. Valentine of the National Counseling Group in the Fredericksburg area requested temporary affiliation. After much discussion, Ms. Decker made a motion to grant temporary affiliation until January 31, 2009 and Mr. Sabia seconded, the motion carried.

Close of Meeting/Scheduling of Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on January 13, 2009 at Lutheran Family Services. 2009's meetings are as follows: March 10, 2009 at NW Works; May 12, 2009 at Winchester Medical Center; July 14, 2009 at Timber Ridge School; September 8, 2009 at Northwestern Community Services; and November 10, 2009 at Grafton.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 to convene into Executive Session

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. Snider seconded and the motion was approved.

Belinda and Ruth Williams were appointed as Next Friend Authorized Representatives for D.J. contingent on the evaluation.

Executive Session was adjourned at 8:15

Respectfully Submitted by: _____
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Gretta Doering, Chair

Mark Gleason, LHRC Liaison

