

## Northwestern Local Human Right Committee

The next scheduled meeting of the Northwestern Local Human Right Committee will be on January 11, 2010 at Lutheran Family Services in Winchester, VA.

### MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 9, 2010 LHRC MEETING

The November 9, 2010 meeting of the Northwestern Local Human Rights Committee was held at Winchester Medical Center in Winchester, VA.

**Members Present:** Mr. Fred Sabia, Chair; Ms. Jeannie Decker, Ms. Eileen Manuel, and Ms. Nancy Cartier

**Affiliates Present:** Chuck Collins and Mark Seymour (Advocates); Kristian Sawyer & Angel Brown (A Place To Call Home); Cathy Wolfe-Heberle (Blue Ridge Opportunities); Eileen Martelli (Crossroads/Children's Services of VA); Brian Kesner (Community Alternatives of VA); Heidi Fields, Julie Alexander, & Rachel Heberle (Family Preservation, Inc.); Clif MacDonald (Good Life Corporation); Kent Houchins & Amy Smith (Grafton); Heather Wilhide (Heart Havens); Eddie Cassidy (Lord Fairfax House); Cassie Phipps (Lutheran Family Services); Carol Lucking (National Counseling Group); Mark Gleason (NWCSB); Emily Johnson (NOVA Family Services); Betsey Anderson (NW Works); Mickie Duncan & Barbie Sharp (Shen-Paco); Mike Lackey (SVCR); Karen Tompkins (Timber Ridge); Lana Hurt & Peggy-Ann Jones (Wall Residences); Mandy Caracofe & Rhonda Foster (Where the Heart Is); Gayle Shanholtz (Winchester Medical Center); and Mary Zirkle (WINC Community MH Center).

**Affiliates Absent:** Blue Ridge Residential Services, Bridging the Gaps, and Robert E Rose Memorial

**Others Present:** Scott Worley, Gretta Doering, Katie Bundrick & Gail Partlowe

**Call To Order:** Mr. Sabia called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. and welcomed everyone. He thanked Good Life Corporation for hosting and everyone for coming. Mr. Sabia then asked everyone to introduce themselves.

**Meeting Minutes:** Ms. Cartier made a motion to accept the July 13, 2010 minutes, Ms. Decker seconded and the motion carried.

**Public Comments:** None

#### **Comments by LHRC Affiliates or Members:**

- Ms. Zirkle from WINC Community Mental Health Center was excited to announce their grand opening on October 13. She also announced the start of their Intensive Outpatient Counseling for children in October and the addition of services from psychiatrists Dr. Lee and Dr. Melissa Robinson.

- Mr. Combs from SVCR invited all LHRC members and the board to the open house of their new group home on Wickham Terrace on Friday, September 24 from 4-6 p.m.
- Ms. Phipps from Lutheran Family Services announced the start up of their Essential Pieces program which meets every Thursday night from 6-7 at Grace Lutheran Church. This program is totally volunteer run and is proving to be even bigger than last year. She also stated they are conducting a joint program with NW Works in Autism initiative.
- Grafton talked about their new career and technology programs which run in both Winchester and Berryville. Berryville just started its car detailing project and is currently just doing staff cars. Winchester has the Café Nest which serves coffee, this program is doing well. Grafton also announced a big accomplishment; its Adult Services received its 3 year licensure without a violation.
- Ms. Sharp of Shen-Paco announced that 2 clients have moved into their Helen's Haven home and are doing well. They expect to move 2 more clients in soon.
- Ms. Cartier thanked Shen-Paco for taking her in, it was her first time there and she really enjoyed it.

### **Advocate Update:**

Mr. Seymour referred back to last month's minutes where he had discussed children's programs. He wanted to clarify that they aren't necessarily "closing up shop" instead they have been forced to make significant program shifts. This is mainly because of economic conditions and the need to change focus to other sites in order to stay in business. He thanked everyone who works with children's programs and asked them to continue what they are doing to keep up with these shifts.

Mr. Collins visited several programs prior to arriving this evening at the meeting. He visited Sunshine House for a dispute resolution, and then provided training for Good Life Corporation and A Place to Call Home. Mr. Collin's stated how much he really enjoys his contact with the providers in this community. He appreciates that all affiliates are mindful of their duty to report medication errors as they occur. He underscored the importance of reporting these medication errors in a timely manner. There was much discussion regarding the medication error reporting process.

### **Program Reports:**

- NW Works
- Rose Memorial- Requested approval for a seatbelt restraint Ms. Decker made a motion to approve, Ms. Cartier seconded and the motion carried.
- Shen-Paco Industries
- SVCR, Inc.

### **Program Update:**

Mr. MacDonald (Good Life Corporation) provided the board with a detailed plan for the return of a previous client. The plan had been requested during the last LHRC meeting. Thus far, it has been successful.

**Old Business:** Mr. Gleason reviewed the 2010 meetings: January 11- Lutheran Family Services; March 8- Grafton; May 10-Winchester Community Mental Health Center; July 12-Timber Ridge; September 13-Good Life; and November 8-WMC. For those affiliates hosting the meetings, directions will be forwarded to Katie so she can send out with meeting information.

**New Business:**

Scheduling of 2011 meetings: January 11-Lutheran Family Services and March 8-Grafton. The rest of the 2011 schedule will be completed at the next meeting.

Ms. Christine Hartman from Crossroads Counseling Center introduced the new site in Page County. She informed the board that they will be providing therapeutic treatment for children from elementary school through high school, in-home therapy, as well as mentoring. However, at this time they do not have a license for the Luray site but are currently working with Mr. Chris Cart. Mr. Mark Seymour suggested giving temporary affiliation until licensure is received. Ms. Decker made the motion to give Crossroads Counseling Center temporary affiliation until licensure is received, Ms. Cartier seconded and the motion was approved.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:20.

Respectfully Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Fred Sabia, Chair

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