

APPROVED
CENTRAL VIRGINIA COMMUNITY SERVICES
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 20, 2010

The ARC of Central Virginia, Bedford Ave.

MEMBERS PRESENT: *Catharine Montgomery*, Chairperson; *Brenda Miller*; *Katherine Oulds*; *Ida Powell*; *Kelly Sandidge*

MEMBERS ABSENT: *Jennifer Kerns*, excused

OTHERS PRESENT: *Sherry Miles*, Regional Advocate; *Sharon Mayhew*, Administrative Assistant; Marlene Meegan, **Anderson Counseling Services**; Kimberly Shepherd, **Blue Ridge Residential Services** and **Blue Ridge Support Services**; Mark Spaulding, **Braley & Thompson**; Chris Burch, **Central Virginia Community Services**; Rasheede Hicks, Rebecca Steintrager, Tomy Emmones, Michele Bauman-Grant, **Dominion Day Services**; Adrien Monti, **Hall Community Services**; Chris Tibbs, **Innovative Family Consultants**; Rebecca Drinkard, Holly Cunningham, Stanley Cousins, **Lamano Agency**; Blanche Laury, **Laury Homes Residential Services**; Patrick Haley, **League of Therapists**; Marie Ward, **Life Line Residential Services**; Tresha Lafon, **Lutheran Family Services**; Nicole Chalmers, **The Madeline Centre**; Angela McKinney, **McKinney's Residential Services**; Dave Taylor, **Otter River Resource Center**; Tracie M. Poindexter, **Poindexter's Residential Facility**; Lindsey Hasty, Nailah Barnhardt, Stephen Ramey, Kerry Halbert, Beth Houck, **Presbyterian Homes & Family Services**; Mary Rice, **Rice Counseling**; Laura Spencer, **Strategic Therapy Associates**; Deb Pond, **Support Services of Virginia**; Sterling Wilder, **Tree of Life Christian Counseling**; Dashea Womack, Mark Fitzgerald, Martha Horsley, Jenise Burford, **Wall Residences**; Vanessa Harvey, **VP&J Services**; Stephanie Massie, **Windsor Manor**; Tajuana Waller, **Wynne's Adult Care**; Catherine Johnson, **Youth Intervention Services**; JS, Consumer

AFFILIATES ABSENT: New Beginnings

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The motion was made and passed to go into Executive Session pursuant to Virginia Code, 2.2-3711 (15), for the purpose of discussion or consideration of the restrictive treatment plan for JS. This review necessarily involved discussion and consideration of mental and medical records excluded and information excluded from the Freedom of Information Act. Members present were Catharine Montgomery, Brenda Miller, Katherine Oulds, Ida Powell, and Kelly Sandidge. Also present were Wall representatives Dashea Womack, Mark Fitzgerald, Martha Horsley, as well as consumer JS.

Mr. Fitzgerald reviewed the treatment plan for JS. Committee members suggested changes, clarifications, and additions to the plan, which is to be revised and mailed to Ms. Miles by August 31.

Upon reconvening in public session, the Central Virginia Community Services Local Human Rights Committee unanimously certified that to the best of each Local Human Rights Committee member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the Executive Session were discussed in the Executive Session.

The Committee asked the representatives of Wall Residences to return to the September 21 meeting to present the recommended changes to the restrictive behavior plan for JS.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The motion was made and passed to go into Executive Session pursuant to Virginia Code, 2.2-3711 (15), for the purpose of discussion or consideration of the restrictive treatment plan for CB. This review necessarily involved discussion and consideration of mental and medical records excluded and information excluded from the Freedom of Information Act. Members present were Catharine Montgomery, Brenda Miller, Katherine Oulds, Ida Powell, and Kelly Sandidge. Also present were Lamano representatives Rebecca Drinkard and Holly Cunningham.

Ms. Drinkard and Ms. Cunningham reviewed CB's plan.

Upon reconvening in public session, the Central Virginia Community Services Local Human Rights Committee unanimously certified that to the best of each Local Human Rights Committee member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the Executive Session were discussed in the Executive Session.

The Committee acknowledged their review of the plan for CB and decided that unless 1) her condition deteriorates, 2) an incident occurs during her staying alone in her mother's home, or 3) there is a wish to extend her time alone, a review of her plan at a later date is not necessary.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

After some discussion, the Committee unanimously approved the motion to donate yearly to the the ARC \$500 to defray the cost of building use and custodial set-up and cleanup time for committee meetings. This donation is to be made in July of each year.

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Montgomery called the meeting to order. All present introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES

The Committee unanimously passed a motion to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2010 meeting as written.

RECRUITMENT

Ms. Montgomery announced that the committee still needs 1 consumer. A "consumer" is anyone who is currently receiving or has received services from a public or private sector provider within the past 5 years in mental health, mental retardation, or substance abuse. Ms. Miles is to be contacted for an application.

AFFILIATION REQUEST – ARC of Central Virginia

Ms. Wilder explained that the ARC is adding two sponsored residential homes. **The motion was made and unanimously passed to accept the request of the ARC of Central Virginia to add two locations.**

AFFILIATION REQUEST – Presbyterian Homes & Family Services

Ms. Barnhardt presented a request for affiliation of a Therapeutic After-School program, held on campus for up to 24 children. Mr. Ramey presented a request for affiliation of a Sponsored Residential Home Service in South Hill. He withdrew his second request. **The motion was made and unanimously passed to accept Presbyterian Homes & Family Services’ request for affiliation of an on-campus Therapeutic After-School program, as well as a Sponsored Residential Home Service in South Hill.**

AFFILIATION REQUEST – Dominion Day Services

Ms. Steintrager presented a request to add Lynchburg as a location for Intensive In-Home Services, to begin in September. **The motion was made and unanimously passed to accept Dominion Day Services’ request to add Intensive In-Home Services in Lynchburg.**

AFFILIATION REQUEST – The Madeline Centre, Inc. – withdrew their request at this time.

AFFILIATION REQUEST – Wall Residences

Jenise Burford presented a request for affiliation of a group home which is changing affiliation from Lamano Agency to Wall, beginning August 1. **The motion was made and unanimously passed to accept Wall Residences’ request for affiliation of a new group home.**

RE-AFFILIATION REQUEST – Innovative Family Consultants

Mr. Tibbs presented a request for re-affiliation. **The motion was made and unanimously passed to accept the request from Innovative Family Consultants for re-affiliation.**

AFFILIATION REQUEST – Strategic Home Based Therapists

Ms. Spencer presented her request for affiliation for 7 additional sites, 6 of which are Head Start programs, plus an after-school site in Concord. **The motion was made and unanimously passed to accept the request of Strategic Home Based Therapists for affiliation of seven additional sites.**

REGIONAL ADVOCATES’ REPORT

Ms. Miles asked if any program was using the behavioral program “Crisis Wave”, which has made changes. She wanted to make sure staff had been re-trained.

She distributed a June 21, 2010, memo from the State, which announces that the State Human Rights Committee has put a moratorium on the establishment of new local human rights committees due to dramatic growth in number of providers and reduction in number of staff in the Office of Human Rights. The Committee asks that current committees add as many affiliates as possible and hopes by October 1 to have a plan in place to revamp the LHRC process. Ms. Miles asked that, in the meantime, everyone continue to attend meetings and submit monthly reports as required.

Ms. Miles also announced that Medicaid has come up with new rules for intensive in-home. She reported the closing of Youth Villages June 30 and of Live Well, as of August 12. She also stressed the importance of documenting any interaction with a client, even if you own the program, and the importance of completing peer-to-peer incidents, even if they seem minor at the time.

PROGRAM UPDATES

CVCS – no updates. **Hall** – serves 4 clients. **Lamano** – serves about 150 in this area, 7 peer-to-peer since the last report, 1 allegation of abuse currently being investigated. **Laury** – no complaints or allegations of abuse/neglect, 5 consumers. **Life Line** – full with 6, no complaints or allegations of abuse/neglect, no peer-to-peer, no changes. **Lutheran** – serves 6, no complaints or allegations of abuse/neglect. **League of Therapists** - no complaints or allegations of abuse/neglect, Danville program is growing steadily, as is need for services for Hispanic populations and persons with autism. **Madeline Centre** – no complaints or allegations of abuse/neglect, serves 84 intensive in-home, with 30 on the waiting list, holding summer camps. **McKinney** – serves 5 at 2 locations, no complaints or allegations of abuse/neglect. **Otter River** – serves 14 in day support, no complaints or allegations of abuse/neglect, had unannounced visit from licensing, which will recommend a 1-year license. **Poindexter** - no complaints or allegations of abuse/neglect. **Presbyterian Homes** - no complaints or allegations of abuse/neglect, are moving the Lynchburg Home and will be able to serve 6, South Hill is changing to a sponsored home, L'Arche is working on meeting all licensure standards, MH Supports had to discharge 4 children because they were under age 18. **Rice** – serves 25 intensive in-home, no complaints or allegations of abuse/neglect. **Strategic** – serves 140 in therapeutic day treatment, several peer-to-peer, none founded, has had staffing changes. **Support Services** – 35 in-home sponsored services, no complaints or allegations of abuse/neglect. **Tree of Life** – serves 6, Philicia Jefferson did not merge with the Richmond program as planned. **VP&J** – serves 1 individual, no changes, no complaints or allegations of abuse/neglect. **Wall** – has 50 providers in Central VA, serves 87-90 individuals, has at least 20 vacancies, 2 peer-to-peer, 1 complaint which was resolved, 7 holds, 3 new services. **Windsor** – serves 7 with 1 opening, no changes, no complaints or allegations of abuse/neglect. **Wynne** – serves 8, no changes, no complaints or allegations of abuse/neglect. **Youth Intervention** – closed in Lynchburg.

Behavior/Crisis Management Plan Review

Ms. Johnson announced that Youth Intervention has switched to MANDT training and briefly explained the principles of this behavior management program.

Announcement Regarding ARC

Ms. Powell announced that the ARC is celebrating its 55th anniversary and for a limited time is offering 1-year memberships for only \$5. If interested, contact Ms. Powell or Ms. Wilder. Ms. Powell mentioned the legislature benefits of large membership numbers.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Ms. Montgomery announced that the next meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 21, 2010**, at 4:15 pm at The ARC of Central Virginia.

Added note: *Be sure to take note of the block on the meeting memo announcing the time to arrive, since Executive Sessions are first on the agenda.*

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting.