

APPROVED
CENTRAL VIRGINIA COMMUNITY SERVICES
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 31, 2009
ARC, Bedford Ave.

Members Present: *Katherine Oulds*, Chairperson; Catharine Montgomery, Ida Powell

Members Absent: Jennifer Kerns

Others Present: *Sherry Miles*, Regional Advocate; *Sharon Levin*, Administrative Support; *Wanjema Muhoro*, *Floyd Bailey*, *Francine Baruti*, Able Homes; *Karen Wilder*, ARC; *Brent McCraw*, *Teresa Ogden*, *Amy Stephens*, Centra Health; *Diane Parrish*, *Shirley Forrest*, Dominion Day Services; *Eric Mattocks*, Family Impact, Inc.; *Chas Colley*, *Jenny DeLorenzo*, Hope Tree Family Services; *Roberta Grooms*, Loving's Residential; *Tresha Lafon*, Lutheran Family Services; *Dana Hudson*, Presbyterian Homes-Lynchburg Group Home; *Erin Mace*, *Amy Beatson*, *Frank Selden*; Presbyterian Homes; *LaVon Williams*, *Tracie Poindexter*, Poindexter's; *Deb Pond*, Support Services of VA; *Sterling Wilder*, Tree of Life; *Kate Cantrell*, *Austin Hicks*, Youth Villages

Affiliates Absent: Braley & Thompson; Family Coaching; Centra Care; Jessie Calloway; Meridian House; Rice Counseling; VP&J (excused); Wall (excused); Wynne Adult Care (excused)

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Oulds called the meeting to order.

INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Oulds invited everyone to introduce themselves.

APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES

The Committee unanimously passed a motion to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2009, meeting as written.

AFFILIATION REQUEST – Youth Villages

Ms. Cantrell briefly talked about the program and distributed an information sheet. Located in Roanoke, they plan to serve Bedford and the surrounding counties.

The motion was made and unanimously passed to grant affiliation to Youth Villages.

AFFILIATION REQUEST – Presbyterian Homes and Family Services

Mr. Selden presented information about their Intensive In Home Services program.

The motion was made and unanimously passed to grant affiliation to the expanded services of Presbyterian Homes and Family Services.

POLICY REVIEW – Bridge Treatment Center

Ms. Ogden and Ms. Stephens reviewed the new policy banning and/or limiting various items due to servicing more children who self-harm.

The motion was made and unanimously passed to approve the “Banned Items” Policy of Bridges Treatment Center.

RECRUITMENT

Ms. Oulds announced that the committee needs 2 consumers. Ms. Miles explained that 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. The nomination of the February applicant should be heard at the April meeting of the State Human Rights Committee meeting, which would mean she can attend the June meeting.

REGIONAL ADVOCATES’ REPORT

Ms. Miles’ work load has increased because of staff losses due to the Deficit Reduction Act. Therefore, she asks that people e-mail her, rather than call, for faster responses.

Ms. Miles said that the agenda for the next meeting will include changes to Affiliation Agreements and By-Laws to address the issue of affiliates not attending the required two meetings per year.

As of July 1, the Department’s name will change to Behavioral Health and Developmental Services.

PROGRAM UPDATES

Loving - reported no complaints or allegations of abuse/neglect. **Poindexter** – reported no complaints or allegations of abuse/neglect; have 7 residents, with a capacity for 8; still in process of changing operators. **Support Services** - reported no complaints or allegations of abuse/neglect; 3 openings. **Windsor** - reported no complaints or allegations of abuse/neglect; 2 openings. **Lutheran** - reported no complaints or allegations of abuse/neglect. **Presbyterian Homes** - reported no complaints or allegations of abuse/neglect. **Able Homes** - reported no complaints or allegations of abuse/neglect; 2 openings. **ARC** - reported no complaints or allegations of abuse/neglect; currently in process of developing a new sponsored home, but are not yet at the point of presenting this to the committee. **Centra Health** – Mr. McCraw, who was Director of Pathways, is now Director of Adult Psychiatric. He reported that licensure was received on March 1 for Centra In-Home Services; also received approval for Certification of Need to increase beds in C&A Psychiatric from 14 to 16; also received approval for Geriatric Psychiatric unit but cannot begin construction yet.

ADJOURNMENT

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