

**Local Human Rights Committee
Bradford Road Office, 2nd Floor Board Room
Culpeper, Virginia
January 28, 1:30 p.m.
MEETING MINUTES**

Members Present: Eileen Peet, Dr. Beverly Young, Arla Jean Lewis, Phoebe Muenger, Roberta Anderson, Ron Upshur

Affiliates Present: David Henry, John Borgens, Will Fairhurst, Lisa McPherson, Emily Theimer

Also Present: Chuck Collins, DBHDS-OHR, Mark Seymour, DBHDS-OHR; Brian Duncan, Executive Director, RRCS; Jim Bernat, Director of Quality Improvement, RRCS; Laurie Dodson, Quality Analyst, RRCS; Kimberley Martin, Admin Assistant, RRCS

1. Eileen Peet called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m. and asked for a moment of silence.
2. Introductions: Eileen Peet introduced herself and asked for each attendee to also introduce themselves.
3. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda
 - David Henry will be presenting for ChildHelp
 - Will Fairhurst will be presenting for TIME Family Services

***ACTION:* Sharon Adams motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Beverly Young 2nd the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion to approve the agenda as amended was voted on and passed unanimously.**

4. Public Comment - None
5. Approval of the October 22, 2013 Minutes
 - Add the October meeting ended at 4:30 pm

***ACTION:* Phoebe Muenger motioned to approve the October 22, 2013 minutes as amended. Beverly Young 2nd the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion to approve the minutes as amended was voted on and passed unanimously.**

6. Presentations: Affiliation Updates (10 minutes)
 - TIME FAMILY SERVICES, LLC – Will Fairhurst presented to the committee a summary of his program highlighting the programs they started at Verdun Adventure Bound. The annual report was submitted. The Committee had the following questions:

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Discussion:

How many people participated in the summer camp? Eight people participated. We hosted their families first and then they signed up their children. We also facilitated trips away from Verdun.

How do you work out the insurance issue? We have insurance through our TIME Family Service as well as Verdun has their insurance. We have guidelines and have to have trained staff.

How is goals achieved using the equine therapy? We pair up adults (parents) with a horse with the same personality as their child. There are no hands on. You cannot touch the horse. You have to get that horse to respond to you and trust you and want to be with you. You take that self regulation and tie that into the adventure bound experience and you see amazing growth.

During the school year, you are providing homebound therapy? Yes

You provide some equine therapy on the weekends during the winter? We have a regular program in the spring and running through November. Some families participate in the winter but not a formal program.

Some people do not have transportation access. Can your organization provide that? That is what we did last summer. We provided transportation to the program.

How old are the children? The children range in age from nine to sixteen.

- FAMILY FOCUS COUNSELING SERVICE—John Borgens presented to the committee a summary of his program. The annual report was submitted. The Committee had the following questions:

Discussion:

Two offices (Culpeper & Fauquier) saw over 1000 people...mostly through groups (substance abuse, obit/heroin/substance abuse groups and groups just for women and domestic violence for perpetrators).

Domestic violence groups for perpetrators...do you end up with a wide age range? Most of our age range is between 20-30 years old. We've had as young as 18 and old as 75.

How many domestic violence groups do you have in Warrenton? We facilitate three groups.

An argument would generally lead into domestic violence. Do you offer domestic violence classes? A batterer intervention program is like a domestic violence class on steroids. It is more than just dealing with anger/impulse issues.

Are most of your clients due to referrals from social services or the court? Most clients are referred through the court.

So they have to pay? Yes, Family Focus survives by client fees. We do have some contracts through Fauquier school system and other agencies however the majority are through client fees.

Is there a means to attend for people who cannot pay out of pocket? We are able to serve on a sliding fee for those with payment issues.

Where do clients under the age of 18 receive help? Options (in Culpeper) deals with impulse/anger management issues and gets referrals from the school system.

In your domestic violence groups, is it mostly directly between adults or children too? Both. We also address elder abuse.

Do you find that substance abuse leads into domestic abuse? Yes.

Dual diagnosis – I'm hearing that term used in reference to other diagnosis – what is the definition of dual diagnosis? It is a combination of Mental Health ID, Mental Health SA, Intellectual Disability Substance Abuse.

- ALICE C. TYLER VILLAGE OF CHILDHELP EAST— David Henry presented to the committee a summary of his residential and school program. The annual report was submitted. The Committee had the following questions:

Discussion:

The status of abuse cases...some said alleged but no closed date was listed. What is the reason behind no close date? Some of how this report reads has to do with the CHRIS system and whether the state advocate has closed out the report versus the issue being closed.

So did the abuse occur or not? We do have a process for any time a child alleges an abuse, we do investigate. The LHRC Board Members would like to see if the report did occur and see when they are closed. The state advocate has the responsibility to close the record, however, the agency has to report if the allegation was founded or not founded.

Total counts occurred by type. Can you provide details? We realized with the new CHRIS system that we had an internal policy that overlapped so once we figured that out, we have reworked our reporting.

We have no details on the cases that occurred? The CHRIS system does not give us the details. The details are in CHRIS but not in the report. The reports are being revamped for 2014 to provide greater information.

Reviewing quarterly reports, changes to DBHDS Licensing Status....what were the citations? David Henry provided the information.

Why didn't they send the director under the CEO? I'm assuming I was asked because I'm a familiar face to this group and I'm the human rights advocate on campus. Chuck Collins stated David Henry is appropriate but did ask who is running ChildHelp while the interim (Latrice Hickman) is out of state? There are 5 equals in management that are running the day to day operations. ChildHelp continues to recruit for a new CEO.

- BLUE RIDGE GROUP HOME, INC.—Lisa McPherson presented to the committee a summary of her residential and day support program. The annual report was submitted. The Committee had the following questions:

Discussion:

It is a six bed home and you provide residential services to 4 of the six people? We provide residential services for 6 but day support to 4 individuals. The other two participate at Didlake and Orange Bridges.

You have eight staff members with six clients? You really have to have a lot of staff for 24 hour coverage, correct? Yes, we staff the house for 3 shifts a day plus supply transportation staff. Clients go out every day of the week to include the weekends.

Do you maintain 2 staff members for your six clients? Sometimes it is three but at night, there is 1 staff member.

7. Requests for Affiliation or New Services (No requests)

8. Human Rights Announcements – Chuck Collins/Mark Seymour

- START Program – this is the program that provides emergency response for clients with intellectual disability. We have a presence in each region to provide respite for people with intellectual disability. For our region, the START Program is located in Charlottesville. They have been in operation for one year. They are changing their name from START to REACH. Chuck Collins is going to REACH and will provide to human rights training.
- The new Western State Hospital is up and running. The patients moved in November. There are far fewer patient complaints at the new facility. The patients are happier in the new hospital.
- The department has two focuses:
 - Closing down training centers
 - The General Assembly is working on changes for ECOs and TDOs, extending the time a person can be under an ECO.
- New group homes being built by RRCS are being purpose built to serve people from the training centers so they age in place.

9. Update by Jim Bernat/RRCS

- DETOX (medically managed) opened at Boxwood. We have our first client today. There are six beds in total. More updates as the program continues.

10. Quarterly Reports –

- January 2014 – All reports were submitted!! ☺

11. Closed Session – no closed session

12. Meeting Schedule:

- January 28, 2014, 2nd Floor Board Rm., Bradford Road Office at 1:30 p.m.
- April 22, 2014, 2nd Floor Board Rm., Bradford Road Office at 1:30 p.m.
- July 22, 2014, 2nd Floor Board Rm., Bradford Road Office at 1:30 p.m.
- October 28, 2014, 2nd Floor Board Rm., Bradford Road Office at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Approved:

Chair or Vice Chair