

**Local Human Rights Committee
Bradford Road Office, Conference Room B
Culpeper, Virginia
July 24, 1:30 p.m.
MINUTES**

Members Present: Eileen Peet, JoAnn Lyons, Sharon Adams, Dr. Beverly Young, Arla Jean Lewis, Darlene Heckethorn

Members Excused: Ronald Upshur

Affiliates Present: Trepin Tate, Bryna May, Elise Stevenson, Beth Stephens, Mary Ann Gray, Dyane Winn, Anita Berry; Deborah Moore, Amy Rhoderick, Steven Lancaster

Also Present: Mark Seymour, DBH&DS-OHR; Jim Bernat, Director of Quality Improvement, RRCS; Brian Duncan, Executive Director; RRCS; Kimberley Martin, Admin Assistant, RRCS; Karen Streichert, RRCS QA

1. JoAnn Lyons called the meeting to order at 1:48 p.m.
2. Introductions: JoAnn Lyons introduced herself and asked for each attendee to also introduce themselves
3. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

ACTION: Beverly Young motioned to approve the agenda as stated. Darlene Heckethorn 2nd the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion to approve the agenda as state was voted on and passed unanimously.

4. Public Comment: The RRCS LHRC Committee thanked ChildHelp for hosting this quarters meeting at the ChildHelp facilities.
5. Approval of the April 24, 2012 Minutes

ACTION: Sharon Adams motioned to approve the April 24, 2012 minutes. Beverly Young 2nd the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion to approve the minutes was voted on and passed unanimously.

6. Presentations: Affiliation Updates (10 minutes)
 - RRCS—Jim Bernat presented to the committee a summary of his program. The new annual report was submitted. The Committee had the following questions:

Discussion:

The Committee commented on RRCS listing incidents where other organizations list none. The consensus was favorable regarding full disclosure.

- CREATIVE FAMILY SOLUTIONS—Mary Ann Gray and Dyane Winn presented to the committee a summary of her program. The new annual report was submitted. The Committee had the following questions:

Discussion:

Looks like 0 complaints and 0 allegations. Yes

Looks like very few Affiliates had any complaints however it is normal to have a few complaints.

On the annual budget, is it normal to disclose your annual budget? It is a licensing and provider piece of information. The licensing specialist will ask for budget information to ensure you have sufficient funds to operate for at least 3 mos. The answer back from the company was that we are a private company and it is not public information.

How many clients pay and how many are Medicaid? Through our Stafford office, everyone we serve is through ID Waiver or Medicaid waiver.

- CHRYSALIS COUNSELING CENTERS—Elise Stevenson presented to the committee a summary of her program. The new annual report was submitted. The Committee had the following questions:

Discussion:

Do you take adults as well as children? Yes, we do incorporate adult mental health support.

It would be nice if we could see this movie highlighted in your report. Mark Seymour stated he and Chuck have been talking about doing some training for the Board and Affiliates.

Your new building is very nice. Just like the building has been transformed, we like to help people transform.

How has your income been derived? We have a combination of pocket clients, CSA funding, Medicaid, etc...

What about people who don't qualify? We try to work with them on a sliding scale and know what other resources are out there.

Do you take Medicaid? Yes, our psychiatrist and out-patient take Medicaid.

You provide court room testimony and etiquette training? Yes, we provide this training periodically. We teach our client's about appearance and how to present and what to present in courtroom situations.

- NATIONAL COUNSELING GROUP, INC.—Bryna May presented to the committee a summary of her program. The new annual report was submitted. The Committee had the following questions:

Discussion:

No questions.

7. Requests for Affiliation or New Services (No requests)
 - CHILHELP - new/updated Safety Code being utilized in the Adolescent Treatment Program as well as a Search Policy. Steven Lancaster presented the policy and requested action by the LHRC Committee.

ACTION: Eileen Peet made the motion to accept the new and updated Safety Code presented by ChildHelp. JoAnn Lyons 2nd the motion. There being no further questions, the motion was passed unanimously.

Discussion:

Does this policy replace an old policy or something new? It is new. One of the reasons Steven was hired was to evolve the program. This is one of the areas that needed to evolve in order to keep the program safe. We want the program to be safe and do not want contraband brought onto the property. The policy is to ensure nothing was brought onto the property. We also have a day school so we put a halt on what is brought on campus. We don't want a child bringing a lighter from home and then lighting a residential facility on fire.

Do you think this would inhibit children to visit home? We actually have nurses do a wellness check when they come back. Medical staff performs the check versus regular staff. There is no cavity search. It is a wellness check. It is essential to ensure the environment is safe. We don't like being checked at an airport but we still fly. This is a need for both parents and staff to be aware of and vigilant about knowing what children have in their possession.

8. Human Rights Announcements – Mark Seymour

- The Department is undergoing many changes as a result of the DOJ lawsuit.
 - The DOJ is looking at our 5 training centers. They have decided the training centers are out dated. Between now and 2020, we will be relocating clients from the centers to the community. CVTC will be the last to close.
 - A lot of new licensing specialists have been hired. Human Rights staff have been hired as discharge coordinators. A lot of the effort will be on Human Rights office....looking at the houses where the discharged person may be living. Is the house adequate? Is the staff adequate? The houses will be scouted out ahead of time to determine if it is going to meet the needs of the consumer. You also have to have doctors and other professionals to support them. It is going to be a long process. There will continue to be one 75 bed facility. The idea is to not have that sense of institution but rather a sense of community.
- We've had turnover on the State Local Human Rights Committee. Don Lyons is now the new chair with fresh ideas. It is the SHRC that came up with the new quarterly reports. There are not any new items to date.
- You will no longer need to fax the assigned licensing specialist only Stella Stith at the Central Office per request from Stella Stith, Dept. of Licensing, Central Office. All serious injury reports are to be faxed to 804-692-0066. Please begin doing so immediately. Please notify all employees who fax these reports of the change. If you have any questions please call 1-877-600-7437.

Discussion:

How will the community support all the people from the training centers? The state will have to provide waiver slots.

Is there funding? There has been some down payment as well as some waiver slots. RRCS plans to use the new apartment in Orange as well as add 8 new group home beds (in Warrenton and

Culpeper) and they are ID waivers. The emphasis behind the state is an acceptable settlement and there is no reason to think the settlement won't happen. It has been challenged by parents. There will be more privately funded slots beyond what the CSBs are being given. You can expect the funding to be slanted to ID. The Department has increased its scrutiny of our group homes and services. We have a CVTC psychiatrist working two ½ days per month seeing our clients...so the training centers are sharing their resources. The two group homes are being funded by the settlement agreement and what will ultimately fund is the Medicaid waiver...ID waiver services. That funding will probably be more favorable in 2014. The rates now (depending on the service) barely get over the threshold but the needs of individuals coming from the training services are more complex. These individuals need specialized services for successful community placement.

Who funds the waivers? Medicaid. Traditionally, the waiver per capita was for the ID so they had money and they could follow their money. Now with MH, you don't have that.

What about Western State? It is slated to open next year? There is going to be an emergency facility with only one bed less than it currently has. Western State is acute and long term.

MH still doesn't have that waiver? To the extent an individual is eligible for MH, you can still get services but for someone who is indigent, they don't receive services or the private care doctors and free clinics serve these populations. That is the great under-served populations.

What happened on the ID side? The Medicaid eligible side is very different on the ID side. On the ID side, a child walks in and there are services.

What about an ID 20+ year old? They are not eligible.

Since money is always such an issue, I came across some notes about the sale of Western State where 25 mil trust fund? What is the status of the trust fund? That was done. There was a bond referendum to build a state of the art hospital to provide acute and some long term care and the trust fund was established to maintain in the Dept of Behavioral Health. Also there is a Commonwealth Center for Children (48 beds). Some of that money was utilized by the Commonwealth.

What is the definition of a complaint? A complaint is an allegation of a violation of the regulations?

9. Quarterly Reports –

- April 2012 - Two affiliates were non-compliant due to:
 - No response.
 - Turned in Annual Report versus Quarterly Report
- April 2012 – One affiliate was non-compliant due to:
 - No response.

ACTION: ***JoAnn Lyons motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:50 p.m. Sharon Adams 2nd the motion. There being no further discussion, the board voted unanimously to adjourn this quarterly meeting of the LHRC.***

Approved:

Chair or Vice Chair