

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MINUTES
June 20, 2007

The Southwest Regional Human Rights Committee met on Wednesday, June 20, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at the Oxbow Center in St. Paul, Virginia.

Committee Members Present: Randy Johnsey
 Elvera McLees
 Charles Stapleton
 Tracy Mullins

Committee Members Absent: Diane Evans
 Ruth Keen
 Allen Hayden

Others Present: Nan Neese, DMHMRSAS
 Lorie Horton, Highlands CSB
 Carlos Wade, R&S Helping Hands, Inc.
 Teresa Vanover, Cross Roads Point Inc.
 Scott Worley, Creative Family Solutions
 Jason Kilgore, ARC TV (Roundtable)
 Sharon Taylor, Frontier Health/PD1 CSB
 Jason H. Arthur, for Linda Horn,
 Heartland South, Inc.
 Sid Rhoton, Mountain Connections, Inc
 Debra Kluttz, Holston Family Services
 Donnie Treant, II, New Beginnings
 Shirley Beverly, Rachael's Haven
 Christy Salyer, Rachael's Haven
 Rodney McMurray, Family Preservation Services
 Rebecca Scott, Dickenson County BHS
 Daisy Rose, Dickenson County BHS
 Glenda Pollard, VA Baptist Children's Home and
 Family Services
 Joseph Edwards, Clearview

I. Call to Order

Chairperson, Mr. Randy Johnsey called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of April 18, 2007 and May 16, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Motion was made by Dr. Elvera McLees and seconded by Mr. Charles Stapleton, to approve both sets of minutes as presented. Motion carried.

III. Welcome and Introductions

Introductions were made. Mr. Johnsey opened the floor for the question and answer period. There were no questions were presented from the floor.

IV. Election of Officers

Mr. Johnsey opened the floor for nomination of a Chair and Vice-Chair for the Committee. Motion was made by Mr. Stapleton and seconded by Dr. McLees to leave the current slate of officers for a second term. Motion carried.

Mr. Johnsey stated that Ms. Lorie Horton had indicated that she could use the assistance of a Committee Secretary. Ms. Diane Evans had indicated that she was willing to serve in that roll. Motion was made by Dr. McLees and seconded by Ms. Tracy Mullins, to nominate Ms. Diane Evans to serve as Secretary to the Committee. Motion carried.

V. Advocate's Report

Ms. Nan Neese, Regional Human Rights Advocate provided the Committee with the following updates:

- A location for the Regional Human Rights Seminar has yet to be selected.
- The new Human Rights Regulations have not been signed.
- The State Human Rights Committee will be meeting in the Roanoke-Charlottesville area September 7, 2007.
- The Regional Human Rights Seminar is planned for either the week following the September State Human Rights Committee meeting or October at the latest. It is hoped that the Seminar will coincide with the release of the new Human Rights Regulations.
- The State Human Rights Committee met June 6, 2007 at the Southwest Virginia Mental Health Institute, Marion VA. Mr. Johnsey attended the meeting.
- Currently under consideration for change is the protocol for how affiliated providers notify human rights committees of new services and locations. It is possible that each new location or service will have to undergo separate application for affiliation from the committee. Before any change is made notice will be made in writing by the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse (DMHMRSAS). Ms. Neese will also insure that any change will be announced to the Committee, as it effects how they provide oversight.
- The Committee can anticipate a new In-Home provider for children applying for affiliation and the possible review of a behavioral plan. Ms. Neese requested that a sub-committee be identified in case the review of the behavior plan was needed before the next scheduled Committee meeting.

Dr. McLees, Mr. Stapleton, and Mr. Johnsey will serve as the sub-committee if needed.

- Copies of the Local Human Rights Committee Handbooks were distributed to the Committee Members.

VI. Rules of Conduct

There were no rules of conduct submitted for the Committee's review.

VII. Policy and Procedure Review

Mr. Joe Edwards presented the revised Restraint and Seclusion Policy for Clearview. The policy applies to all services in the hospital and was not provided for Committee comment. Mr. Edwards will be providing the Committee with a policy which is specific to Clearview's affiliation. Motion was made by Ms. Mullins and seconded by Mr. Stapleton to table any action until the additional policies are provided. Motion carried.

VIII. Request for Affiliation

Mr. Sid Rhoton notified the Committee that Mountain Connections was opening a third home to be called, Mountain View Manor. Mountain View Manor will provide services to adult males and is located on the same road as the two previously affiliated locations, Monarch Manor and Meadow Lark Manor. The Committee accepted notice of the additional location. No motion deemed necessary.

IX. Reporting of Human Rights Activities by Affiliates

Mr. Rod McMurray, Family Preservation Services, Inc distributed the report to the Committee. The Committee reviewed the report. Family Preservation Services primarily provides services in the home or the community. They offer Day Treatment in the Schools, Intensive In-Home, home based counseling, mentoring, Mental Health Supports and a program for sexually aggressive youth. Motion was made by Dr. McLees and seconded by Ms. Mullins to accept the report as submitted. Motion carried.

X. Review of Behavioral Plan

DePaul's Family Services update to their behavioral plan was tabled until the next meeting.

XI. Other Business

Highlands Community Services License Changes

Ms. Horton referenced the letter provided to the Committee in their meeting packets, listing recent changes. Motion was by Mr. Stapleton and seconded by Dr. McLees to accept notification.

Possible Change of Venue for Meeting

Mr. Johnsey announced Ms. Horton would be taking over the responsibility for staff liaison to the Committee for the coming year. Ms. Horton asked the Committee would they would like to meet at different location for the coming year. She suggested that one possibility would be for each of the four Community Service Boards (CSBs), to host a meeting, at which time any affiliate which provided services in the CSB area, could also provide their report to the Committee along with the hosting CSB. In this way the Committee could obtain a perspective of the availability of services in the each area and the way the affiliates collaborate to provide services. After a brief discussion on the logistics of moving the meeting location, motion was made by Mr. Stapleton and seconded by Ms. Mullins for Ms. Horton to set up an itinerary by the next meeting, for the Committee's review. Motion carried.

XII. Reporting of Human Rights Activities and Notification of Development of a Behavioral Plan by R&S Helping Hands

Motion was made by Mr. Stapleton and seconded by Dr. McLees that the Southwestern Virginia Regional Human Rights Committee go into closed session, pursuant to VA Code § 2.2-37711. A (4) and (15) for the purpose of protecting the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business and the discussion of medical and mental records, namely to conduct a review of the human rights activities report by R&S Helping Hands and be provided information on the possible need for a behavioral plan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Stapleton and seconded by Dr. McLees to reconvene into open session. Motion carried.

Upon reconvening in open session, motion was made by Mr. Stapleton and seconded by Dr. McLees that all the members be individually certified that only such public business matters identified in the motion for closed session were heard, discussed and considered. Motion carried. Each member then in turn so certified.

Human Rights Activities-R&S Helping Hands

Mr. Carols Wade gave the Human Rights Activity Report for R&S Helping Hands to the Committee and as a courtesy, in anticipation that complete plan will be forwarded, a draft behavioral plan. Ms. Sharon Taylor, Planning District One (PD1), was also present as PD1 is the Case Management provider for the individual referenced in the draft behavioral plan. Motion was made by Dr. McLees and seconded by Mr. Stapleton to accept the Human Rights Activity Report made by R&S Helping Hands. Motion carried.

XIII. Adjournment

Being no further business, Mr. Johnsey adjourned the meeting at 3:51pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lorie Horton,
Staff Liaison

Randy Johnsey,
Committee Chairperson