

LHRC Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2014
241 Greenhouse Rd., Lexington VA 24450
1:30pm

Present: Chuck Collins, Robin Telsch, Dennis Cropper, Jean Kelser, Steve Ramey, Donna Bright, Debbie Shafer, Alan Shafer, Genevieve Brown, Steve Hornback, Ellen Watts, Betty Crance, Don Sherman, Angie Wilson- guest, Carolyn Beverly- guest, Ashley Lucas, Rebecca Dean

Absent:

Approval of 11-07-13 meeting minutes

1. LHRC Liaison, Executive Director- case mentioned
2. Introduction of LHRC members/attendees
3. Chuck Collins:
 - State Human Rights Committee meeting will hold meeting on March 7th, 2014 at Western State Hospital- all were invited. Provided overview of the layout of the new facility (WSH) and current issues that typically arise in a new building. Discussed capacity of the new facility.
 - Update to DOJ Settlement agreement and training centers closing. Discussed DBHDS involvement in oversight of discharges to providers of residential services. Many residents remaining at the TC's are high need. Chuck, as LHRC Advocate, meets with providers and provides a recommendation as to where individuals are placed. Southside Virginia Training Center closing June 1, 2014.
 - New Human Rights regulations on hold. Continue to use current regulations. New Regulations will be reviewed by the Governor of Virginia.
 - Central Office- Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS); discussed changes in personnel at the Leadership level of central office.
4. News and Comments from Affiliates and guests:
 - Building Bridges group home- seeking Licensing- 6 bed group home in our local area. All information has been submitted to the Office of Licensing. Discussion of importance of having internal policies and procedures ready for Licensure review. Official vote taken due to quorum; affiliation is conditional based on gaining official license.
 - Steve Hornback ACTS (Associates in Cognitive Therapy Solutions) – fully licensed and working with clients now.
 - Rockbridge Area Community Services Board- Recruitment efforts update- Reviewing and revising internal policies and procedures specific to programs.

5. Annual and Quarterly Reports:

- Presbyterian Homes and Family Services and The Family Alliance: Quarterly and Annual reports report was reviewed in detail and there were no specific questions from committee members.
- Rockbridge Area Community Services: Quarterly report was reviewed in detail and there was discussion related to the incidents. RACS was proactive in addressing corrective action plans.
- Grand Anne Residences: Quarterly and Annual reports report was reviewed in detail and there were no specific questions from committee members.
- Commonwealth Lifespan Services: Quarterly and Annual reports report was reviewed in detail and there were no specific questions from committee members.

6. New Business:

- Jean Kelser: Vice Chair: presentation Dialectic and Behavioral Therapy.
- LHRC Applications and Reappointments- no new applicants. Robin Telsch completing reappointment form.
- LHRC chair: please send interested applicants to Ms. Telsch.
- LHRC Liaison: Liaison and Affiliates responsibilities
- Forthcoming Meeting Times:
 - May 8, 2014 at 1:00pm at Presbyterian Homes and Family Services and The Family Alliance