

# *Harrisonburg-Rockingham Local Human Rights Committee*

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**April 18, 2016**

**Members Present:** Sarah Albrecht, Gayl Brunk, William Quarles, Cindy Ring, Virginia Luong

**Members Absent:**

**Others Present:** Cassie Purtlebaugh and Artea Ambrose (HR Advocates); John Humphreys (Fair Haven Residential Services); Kathy Nelson and Dana Dewing (HRCSB); Christy Collins (CC & Associates); Crystal Kwolek (C.J. Designs); Natalie Rinaca and Tena Bibb (RMH); Terri Gibbs (The Arc); Alexandra Arey, Lauryn Moxey, Heather Corbin and Emily Bowman (PVI); Liam Sullivan (Harrisonburg Treatment Center); Pat Grizzel (De Paul Community Resources); Trepin Tate (Health Connect America); and Ashley Reynolds (guest).

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm.

Those in attendance made introductions.

### **MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2016 meeting was made by Sarah Albrecht and seconded by Cindy Ring. The motion carried with a unanimous approval by the Committee members who were in attendance.

### **ANNUAL PROGRAM REPORTS**

**Pleasant View Inc. (PVI):** Heather Corbin presented the Annual Report. Ms. Corbin reported PVI provides ID residential and Day Support programs. New staff receive HR training within ten days of hire and annually thereafter.

**Fair Haven Residential Services (FHRS):** John Humphreys presented the Annual Report. Mr. Humphreys reported FHRS provides a licensed 8 bed congregate residential group home. Currently there are 4 females and 3 males receiving services. Mr. Humphreys reported no licensing citations nor any formal or informal complaints for calendar year 2015. All staff receive HR training at the time of hire and annually thereafter.

**Harrisonburg Treatment Center:** Liam Sullivan provided the Annual Report. Mr. Sullivan reported the Center has now been open for 14 months. Mr. Sullivan reported a significant growth in their service in the first year which has resulted in an expansion to their current physical site as well as growth in the number of staff. Mr. Sullivan reported no HR complaints in the 2015 calendar year.

### **AFFILIATION REQUEST**

**Health Connect America:** Trepin Tate presented an Affiliation request, providing information on his company, Health Connect America, with a description of the scope of services which includes IHH for children and MH Skill Building and Out Patient services for children and adults. Mr. Tate reported Health Connect America is opening services across numerous areas of the state and has already affiliated with Rapihan Rapidan LHRC. After some discussion and clarification from the Regional Advocates present, the request is not required since the provider is already affiliated with another LHRC. The Committee tabled the request at this time until Mr.

Tate can get further guidance from his Company regarding desired LHRC affiliations. Attendance is welcome regardless of affiliation status.

## **NOTIFICATIONS**

**Collins and Collins Inc.** : Christy Collins notified the HRLHRC Committee Members of a change in services; Their supportive residential site will be changing to a 4 bedroom ID Group Home in preparation for changes as a result of the ID Waiver redesign. Regional Advocates will contact the Licensing Specialist of the notification.

**Pleasant View Inc.** : Heather Corbin notified the HR LHRC Committee Members of a change of address for one of their sponsored homes. Regional Advocates will contact the Licensing Specialist of the notification.

## **COMMITTEE POSITION ELECTION for FY 2017**

Sarah Albrecht was nominated by Cindy Ring to serve a Chair Person. Nomination was seconded by Gayl Brunk. Nomination carried by a unanimous vote.

Cindy Ring was nominated by Gayl Brunk to serve as Vice Chair . Nomination was seconded by Virginia Luong. Nomination carried by a unanimous vote.

Virginia Luong was nominated by Sarah Albrecht to serve as Secretary. Nomination was seconded by Cindy Ring. Nomination carried by a unanimous vote.

Gayl Brunk announced she would be stepping down from the Committee effective at the close of the meeting. As of July 1, 2016, her agency will become affiliated with the HR LHRC.

## **OTHER BUSINESS / COMMENTS FROM AFFILIATES**

-Liam Sullivan of Harrisonburg Treatment Center expressed his concern about the need for and the lack of SA medication treatments for the incarcerated population, particularly for those who were under treatment at the time of incarceration.

-Gayl Brunk asked for clarification on an affiliate's quarterly report.

## **Public Comments**

Trepin Tate of Health Connect America provided information on Psychosexual assessments and evaluations, a specialized service Health Connect America offers.

## **ADVOCATE REPORT**

- Dr. Cleopatra Booker who has been the acting director of the Office of Licensing for the last several months, was offered and has accepted the position of Director of the Office of Licensing.
- The office of licensing has recently announced the addition of 5 regional managers. The transition to these new positions will begin on April 10, 2016. Once the transition has been finalized, caseloads will most likely be shifted to assist with their transition as well as to align with the 5 finalized regions. This change will reflect the systems in place with the Office of Human Rights. The below licensing specialist have been assigned as the regional manager to the following regions:
  - Region 1: Rhonda Angel
  - Region 2: Tina Whitfield Johnson
  - Region 3: Deborah Tankersley
  - Region 4: Veronica Davis
  - Region 5: Barry Lee
- A new spreadsheet is now in place that will allow the Office of Human Rights and the Office of Licensing to communicate within the CHRIS system. The spreadsheet is being sent to the regional advocates to review and triage. This change is in direct response to suggestions offered by our community providers. Thank you for your input and please continue to share your feedback with us regarding CHRIS reporting.

- The Office of Human Rights participated in a statewide retreat to discuss the proposed regulations. We are working on developing trainings for the providers upon final approval and adoption of the new regulations.
- DBHDS is amending the three Medicaid Waivers (ID, DS, & DD) and the changes will be effective July 1, 2016. These amended waivers will have options for new services and are better designed than the current waivers to support individuals to live, work, and socialize in their own communities. The new waivers will provide more services for individuals and families and increase flexibility in service delivery options. The resulting benefits will enable people to change services more easily as their needs evolve. The following trainings on the waiver re-design are being offered:

### **Support Coordinator Training**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>
March 28-29	Arlington Central Library Auditorium 1015 N Quincy St, Arlington, VA 22201	10:00 -4:30
April 14-15	Prince William CSB Dr. A. J. Ferlazzo Building 15941 Donald Curtis Drive, Woodbridge, VA 22191	9:30 – 4:30
April 18-19 ** Fairfax-Falls Church CSB Support Coordinators <b>only!</b> **	Fairfax Government Center Conference Room 9/10 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA	9:30 – 4:30

### **Provider Training**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>
March 30	Arlington Central Library Auditorium 1015 N Quincy St, Arlington, VA 22201	10:00 -4:30
April 5	Kings Park Library	10:00 – 4:00
April 13	Fairfax Government Center Conference Room 9/10 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA	9:30 – 4:30

### **LHRC COMMITTEE MEMBER RECRUITMENT**

Regional Advocate, Cassie Purtlebaugh, reviewed the responsibilities of recruitment for new LHRC Committee members. This responsibility falls on all Affiliates. She requested all recruitment possibilities be forwarded to her as the initial step in the recruitment process. She reviewed the required make-up of the committee and the required minimum of 5 members for a quorum. Affiliates were strongly encouraged to be actively recruiting for the current vacated seat and the 3 additional openings coming up in the next year.

### **FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS FOR PROVIDER FROM THE DECEMBER LHRC EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Affiliate provided answers to additional questions the committee had from the LHRC Executive Session meeting that took place in December 2015. No PHI was disclosed during this question/ answer time.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday July, 18 at 2:00 pm**. The meeting will be held at the Harrisonburg Rockingham CSB's Arbor House Second Floor Conference room, located at 1241 North Main St., Harrisonburg, VA 22802

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Luong  
HRLHRC Secretary

Kathy Nelson  
HRCSB Liaison/Recording Secretary