

Local Human Rights Committee

85 Sanger's Lane, Staunton, VA 24401

Mark Seymour, Human Rights Advocate

Friday October 9, 2015

Board Members In Attendance:

Jim Hall, Chair
Mary Belle Weeks

Board Members Absent:

Heidi Campbell
Kenneth Alger II
Joan Polzin

Affiliates in Attendance:

DePaul Community Resources
Family Sharing, Inc.
Valley CSB
Wall Residences

Breezy Hill
Fidura & Associates
Blue Ridge Residential

Meeting called to Order

Mr. Jim Hall, Chair

- All present introduced themselves

Approval of October 10, 2014 Minutes and January 9, 2015 Minutes

- The Committee was unable to approve the July minutes. The minutes have been accepted until the January meeting.

Public Comment

- Megan Carroll will continue as secretary for the VLHRC for another 2 year term.
- Doug Desper of Breezy Hill shared there is still no money for brain injury. He shared that 14 individuals with brain injuries from Virginia were moved to Massachusetts and placed in skilled nursing facilities because nowhere in Virginia would accept the Medicaid. Mr. Desper has shared this information and hopes this will help get these 14 people back to Virginia.
- 2016 presentation schedule has been approved. The January meeting will have a Human Rights training and pot luck.

Schedule for 2016 meeting and presentation

January __, 2016 Potluck and Human Rights Training following the meeting	Family Sharing Wall Residences Community Living Services (2014) Creative Family Solutions/ResCare (2014) The Arc of Augusta (2014)
April __, 2016	Augusta Health Crossroads DePaul Community Resources (All Programs) Heart Havens Hall Community Services
July __, 2016	Blue Ridge Residential Breezy Hill Fidura & Associates
October __, 2016	Community Living Services Creative Family Solutions/ResCare The Arc of Augusta Valley CSB

Affiliate Presentations

- **Creative Family Solutions/ResCare:** Was not present for the presentation of their annual report
- **Community Living Services:** Was not present for the presentation of their annual report
- **Valley Community Services Board:** Dana Fitzgerald shared Valley served 4,756 Individuals in 2014. Human Rights training is conducted upon hire and annually thereafter. They had 14

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abuse/neglect/exploitation cases with 3 founded. They also had 6 complaint cases with 5 resolved and one still open. Mark Seymour was included in all cases.

Addition of New Location:

- **Family Sharing:** Julius & Lynn Lee, 120 Laredo Court, Stephen City, VA. 22655
Steve & Ginger Darragh. 365 Potomac River Rd. Monterey, VA. 24465

****1 Locations approved by the committee. The other location will be reviewed again in January. Mark will notify the licensing specialist****

Mark Seymour – Case Update

- Mark Seymour stated Human Rights Advocates received draft regulations. Mark does not feel these regulations will be ready by November 2015. We will continue to operate with the 2007 Human Rights Regulations that were updated in October 2014.
- Commissioner Deborah Ferguson resigned and Jack Barber is Interim Commissioner as of September 22, 2015. The Office of Licensing also has an Interim Director Cleopatra Brooks for over a year.
- CHRIS: All Human Rights Advocates have been asked to spend one day a week closing CHRIS reports. All the advocates were asked to close all pending cases and the number of cases was over 4,000 cases. Angela Harrison is now closing the CHRIS reports for all 18 Human Rights Advocates. The problem here is that Angela knows nothing about any of the cases.

Jim Hall Dismissed all affiliates that did not need to attend closed session.

Closed session called to order at 10 am,

- **Family Sharing**
- **Wall Residences**

All information presented in closed session was reviewed by the committee.

Next Meeting January 8, 2016. Following the LHRC meeting a Human Rights Training and Pot Luck will be held.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 AM.