

Local Human Rights Committee

85 Sanger's Lane, Staunton, VA 24401

Mark Seymour, Human Rights Advocate

Friday April 10, 2015

Board Members In Attendance:

Jim Hall, Chair
Mary Belle Weeks

Board Members Absent:

Pat Gore, Vice Chair
Heidi Campbell
Kenneth Alger II
Joan Polzin

Affiliates in Attendance:

RESCARE - Creative Family Solutions
DePaul Community Resources
Family Sharing, Inc.
Breezy Hill
Valley CSB

Wall Residences
Arc of Augusta
Community Living Specialist
Augusta Health

Meeting called to Order

Mr. Jim Hall, Chair

- Mark Seymour introduced himself
- All present introduced themselves

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

- No quorum therefore cannot officially approve the minutes
- Minutes recommended for approval by the committee members

Public Comment

- **Door Alarms considered as a restraint.** Dana Fitzgerald shared that some of the staff from Valley CSB went to the new PCP training and was under the impression that door alarms would now be considered a restraint. Dana asked the committee and Mark for clarification. Mark and Jim Hall stated that this would not be considered a restraint as it is not preventing an Individual from going through the door it is only informing staff that someone is going through the door.
- Kiana Anastopoulus asked affiliates if they were interested in gathering and discussing the waiver rate restructure. Warren McKeen shared that the Arc of Augusta has already scheduled a community forum for September 24th from 6-8pm at Blue Ridge Community College. Warren also shared that the Arc of Augusta is also having informational meetings monthly. The monthly meetings are scheduled every 3rd Saturday from 10am-12pm at the Arc of Augusta building in Waynesboro.

Affiliate Presentations

- **Heart Havens:** Cristal Farris reported 0 allegations and 0 complaints for this reporting period.
- **Hall Community Services:** Not Present
- **Augusta Health Crossroads:** Laurin Pallin reported they had four complaints that were all resolved. Laurin also reported that there was a possible injury that occurred in the emergency room. A female came into the ER and was combative. Her arm was injured. Staff was not sure if this happened prior to her entering the ER or while she was fighting security. Laurin also reported in July Augusta Health Crossroads became an assessment center for the region. They are admitting around 70 cases a month. Since becoming an assessment center the hospital is righting a grant for police to be on site at the hospital. Augusta Health has had one case of Flekka. Flekka is crystal meth and bath salts mixed. This drug is coming from Florida and very dangerous.
Sarah Russell DePaul Community Resources suggested that we should have a member from Law enforcement on the committee. Jim Hall thought this was a great idea.

Addition of New Location

- **Family Sharing-**
 - William Lyons, 612 Fielding Place, Staunton, VA. 24401
 - Dorma Tuley, 206 Norwood Road, Staunton, VA. 24401

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****All Locations approved by the committee. Mark will notify the licensing specialist**

Mark Seymour – Case Update

- An affiliate asked Mr. Seymour about a glitch with CHRIS. When a provider is entering information on a new report they are unable to save due to CHRIS asking the provider to complete the report. The provider is unable to complete the complaint due to it being blacked out and for the Human Rights Advocate or Licensing specialist to complete. There for the reports are not saved. Mr. Seymour stated he knew about the glitch. He also stated that he relies on the affiliates to email him or call him if there is something important as he has not been able to check CHRIS daily.
- Mark was asked about adding his personal number to the Human Rights poster due to if you call the 800 number the message states to call Mark's direct number. Mark stated that his direct number should be added to the posters and handed out his card.
- Human Rights Regulations- Mark stated that the draft regulations are available on the website. The 2007 Regulations are still in effect. At this time the draft regulations are on the secretaries' desk and then they will move to the governor's desk.
- One change that will come with the new regulations is local human rights committees will become regional committees. Mark suspects there will be two regional committees for region one. He is not sure where they will be located. He feels this will happen due to some committees not being able to staff there committees. Mark stated that the affiliates will have to stay tuned for clarification. Mark stated one great thing that is changing with the new regulations when there is a hearing there is no longer cross examination and each side has only 30 minutes to present all witnesses and information. Mark has used this process and stated that it was wonderful because everyone came away still speaking to each other.
- The Commissioner now has a newsletter that is posted on the DBHDS website. Mark read a few sections of the newsletter and encouraged all affiliates to check out the newsletter on the website.

Closed session called to order at 10 am

- DePaul Community Resources – Annual restrictive plans.
- Family Sharing Inc. – Presenting a Next Friend
- Wall Residences

****All presentations approved**

Closed session adjourned at 10:50 A.M. and open Session reconvened

- **Committee members:** Jim Hall asked the secretary to please send a letter to the affiliates explaining that it is the affiliate's obligation to find members for the committee. The committee is in need of more members. The secretary will also contact the current members of the committee to ensure they know when each meeting is and mail an agenda to the members for the upcoming meeting.

Next Meeting July 10, 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.