

Local Human Rights Committee

85 Sanger's Lane, Staunton, VA 24401

Chuck Collins, Regional Advocate

Friday October 10th at 9:00 am

Board Members In Attendance:

Jim Hall, Chair
Joan Polzin
Mary Belle Weeks
Kenneth Alger II

Board Members Absent:

Pat Gore, Vice Chair
Barbara Fitch
Heidi Campbell

Affiliates in Attendance:

Creative Family Solutions
DePaul Community Resources
Family Sharing, Inc.
Blackberry Ridge

Valley CSB
Wall Residences

Meeting called to Order

Mr. Jim Hall, Chair

- All present introduced themselves

Approval of July 11, 2014 Minutes

- Minutes approved by the committee members

- **2015 Meeting Schedule**

January 9, 2015 Potluck and Human Rights Training following the meeting	Blackberry Ridge Family Sharing Wall Residences Community Living Services (2014) The Arc of Augusta (2014)
April 10, 2015	Heart Havens Hall Community Services Augusta Health Crossroads
July 10, 2015	Blue Ridge Residential Breezy Hill DePaul Community Resources (All Programs) Fidura & Associates
October 9, 2015	Creative Family Solutions Community Living Services Valley CSB The Arc of Augusta

Public Comment

- **VLHRC Treasury:** Megan the LHRC Secretary presented that VLHRC account now has \$157.98 and several Affiliations have donated to the Valley LHRC for 2014. Megan also presented a ledger to the committee members showing where the money is being spent.
- **MR. Collins RETIRING:** Chuck Collins announced that he will be retiring March 1, 2015. After retiring he plans to do pro bono guardianship. Chuck plans to attend the January meeting and training. Mark Seymore will be stepping in and taking over for Mr. Collins after he retires. Mr. Collins shared that the department has merged Region one and Region two. Region two will have an advocate that will be supervised by the Region one advocate.
- **Creative Family Solutions Transition to RESCARE:** Diane Procter of Creative Family Solutions shared that the transition to RESCARE is underway. The word is that the Waynesboro office will be relocated to the Charlottesville office but she will still serve the valley. At this time Scott Worley is the active Director.

Affiliate Presentations

- **The Arc of Augusta** Will present at the January Meeting.
- **Community Living Services:** Will present at the January Meeting.
- **Creative Family Solutions:** Offers In-Home services in our area. At this time they have 23 employees and 12 Individuals. Employees are trained at hire and annually thereafter. They have had no licensing violations this year.

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- **Valley CSB:** Serves Augusta, Highland, Staunton and Waynesboro. At this time we serve 3,903 Individuals. Abuse/Neglect: 28 cases most cases were medication errors and peer to peer. One case was a sexual allegation which the Individual stated that she had made it up. The police and APS was involved with the investigation. 2 confidentiality allegations that were unfounded. Staff are trained upon hire and annually thereafter. Human Rights are also reviewed annually with the Individual and the poster are posted in their homes.
- **Changing Human Rights Posters:** Dana Fitzgerald asked a very good question. Who will go on the Human Rights Posters when Chuck retires? Mr. Collins said to add Mark Seymour and for the phone number **1-877-600-7437**.
- **CHRIS and the Old Days:** Mr. Collins shared that in the old days when there was a case or concern people would call him to inform him of the situation and they would work on it together. Now with CHRIS he gets around 30 notifications a day and it is just impossible to review them all daily. Mr. Collins asked that if there is something serious going on please contact him to keep him informed because he may not get on CHRIS for a few days.

Affiliation Request:

Blackberry Ridge: Dr. Christopher VonElten Represented Blackberry Ridge. He stated that they will be providing Intensive Outpatient Therapy for addiction to prescription opiates and heroin. This program will be located at Dr. Kanes office and will be group therapy. The groups will be no larger than 7-10 Individuals. They are looking to start in about 6 weeks but depends on Sherry Miles' schedule.

The Committee accepted the Affiliation Request, and the secretary will contact Mr. VonElten with the paperwork he will be responsible for.

Addition of New Location:

- **DePaul Community Resources:**
 - Mike & Cheryl McDaniel 248 Elkin Circle, Waynesboro, VA. Serving 1 Individual
 - Vicky Hensley 248 Kensington Dr., Elkton, VA (This is an existing home just a new location)
- **Family Sharing Inc.:**
 - Steve & Frances Beasley 613 Westview School Road, Mt. Sidney VA. (An exiting home just a new location) approved to serve 2 Individuals
- **Valley CSB:**
 - 124 E. Beverley St., Staunton, VA
 - 1969 Hawkinsbioll Rd. McGaheysville, VA
 - 1354 The Pines Rd. Monterey, VA
 - 387 Kaolin Springs Lane, Greenville, VA (This home will be a relief provider)
 - Therapeutic Day Treatment Wilson Elementary School 127 Woodrow Wilson Ave. Fishersville
 - Intensive Care Coordination Services

All Locations approved by the committee. Chuck will notify the licensing specialist

Closed session called to order

- Wall Residence- Restrictive Devices
- Valley CSB-Next Friend

All presentations approved

Closed session adjourned at 11:50 A.M. and open Session reconvened

Next Meeting January 9, 2015

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.