

Local Human Rights Committee

85 Sanger's Lane, Staunton, VA 24401

Chuck Collins, Regional Advocate

Friday July 11, 2014 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:

Augusta Health Crossroads
Blue Ridge Residential
Breezy Hill
Community Living Services
Creative Family Solutions
DePaul Community Resources
Family Sharing, Inc.

Fidura & Associates
Hall Community Services
The Arc of Augusta

Valley CSB
Wall Residences

Meeting called to Order

Mr. Jim Hall, Chair

- All present introduced themselves

Approval of April 11, 2014 Minutes

- Minutes approved by the committee members

REACH

- A representative from REACH was scheduled to attend this meeting but unfortunately did not show up. Chuck Collins stated he would like to have a REACH representative and Laura Pallin from Augusta Health Cross Roads attend the next meeting to answer providers questions.

Public Comment

- **Jim Hall, Chair** informed the attendees that the committee is still looking for a member that is a consumer of services. If you know someone please have that person contact Jim Hall or send their contact information to one of the committee members.
- **Creative Family Solutions:** Diane Proctor reported that they have been bought out by Res Care. The staff were just informed so there will be a lot of transition in the near future.
- **Valley CSB:** Daniele Ross reported that Valley is starting an onsite pharmacy service. The pharmacy will be located on the left hand side of the lobby when you enter the main doors. By the next LHRC meeting in October the pharmacy should be up and running and there will be a new traffic pattern. Daniele asked that everyone pay close attention so they do not end up in the wrong place.

Case Update

Mr. Chuck Collins, Advocate

- Mr. Collins shared that Virginia has a budget as of July 1, 2014 the down side is Virginia also has a budget short fall. This means there will have to be budget cuts coming in the fall.
- **Virginia's New Commissioner:** Deborah Ferguson is the new Commissioner of Virginia. Mr. Collins shared that Mrs. Ferguson is originally from Illinois. Mrs. Ferguson did a surprise visit to Western State Hospital. Chuck has not yet met her but states that he has heard great things about her. Mrs. Ferguson has delayed the closing of Northern Virginia Training Center (NVTC) until 2016. As of June 2014 Petersburg closed. Mr. Collins is concerned this will set a precedence to delay the closing of all the training centers.
- **Margaret Walsh, State Human Rights Director** is retiring July 31st will be her last day. The department will be filling her position. Mr. Collins will update us at the next LHRC meeting October 10, 2014.
- **Human Rights Regulations:** Mr. Collins stated the new Human Rights Regulations are going to take about a year before they are ready. Debi Jo Brinkley asked Mr. Collins if he could share some of the expected changes that will be made to the regulations. Mr. Collins stated he has read the rough draft of the new regulations. Some of the changes that will take place will mostly pertain to the human rights advocate.

Case Update Continued

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Such as the advocate will be responsible for more trainings for the providers. One item the State Human Rights wants to do is condense the human rights committees. At this time there are 76 committees in Virginia. Mr. Collins said he does not think it is possible to condense the committees down due to the fact that they would no longer be local committees. Also the meetings would last a very long time if all the providers in each region attended one committee.

Affiliate Presentations

- **Hall Community Services:** Athena Hall apologized for not being present at the last meeting to present her annual report and thanked the committee for letting her present at this meeting. Hall Community Services served four individual in 2013. There were also zero complaints in 2013. Athena shared that Hall Community Services was different then a lot of the affiliates present in the fact that they are not sponsored residential. They serve individuals in the community.
- **Blue Ridge Residential:** Catherin St. Ours reported they served one individual in 2013 in In-Home and 16 Individuals in sponsored residential. There were zero complaints in 2013. Mr. Collins asked Catherin if Blue Ridge Residential was looking to place individuals coming out of the training centers. Catherin stated they are not serving anyone from the training centers at this time. Mr. Collins asked where there individuals attending day programs. Catherin stated all over depending where there home is located. Mr. Collins asked Catherin, what is the level of supervision? Catherin stated all individuals are assigned to one coordinator and they have to complete a minimum of one visit per month. There is also risk management over site on medical devices. The coordinator is also responsible for two unannounced visits per year.
- **Breezy Hill:** Doug Desper reported that Breezy Hill has been open for 8 years in July. Breezy Hill operates on individuals paying out of pocket due to traumatic brain injury not receiving any funding from the state. Some individuals receive a small amount of money from Dap founding. The estate where Breezy Hill is located was donated to the company eight years ago. The home has served a core of four individuals and can serve up to eight individuals at a time. Breezy Hill is also licensed to provide respite care. There were zero complaints in 2013. Mr. Collins asked how the program has changed since Breezy Hill is no longer affiliated with The Department of Defense in Charlottesville. Doug stated that it has not changed since they were always separate since they serve civilians and Charlottesville served veterans. Mr. Collins stated that he holds Breezy Hill to very high regards.
- **DePaul Community Resources:** Gary Wilburn reported that OPTIONS Day Program served 22 individuals in 2013. He was not sure the actual number of complaints in 2013. He stated that with the population they serve and in the environment they are served, there are some peer to peer situations. OPTIONS is now fully staffed and looking to expand the program. Mr. Collins asked if they were able to serve individuals coming out of the training center. Mr. Wilburn stated the day program does not have adequate bathrooms for full care, but they will look at each referral and treat them as a case by case bases.
- **DePaul Community Resources sponsored residential and group home:** Dan Jenkins reported they served 31 individuals in 2013. There was one allegation of neglect that was founded. Mr. Collins asked if the sponsored residential was looking to serve individuals coming out of the training centers. Mr. Jenkins stated at this time all their homes were full, but they were recruiting families that would be able to handle a medically dependent or full care individual. Mr. Collins asked Mr. Jenkins what is the level of supervision provided. Mr. Jenkins stated the residential coordinator does monthly home visits and two unannounced visits throughout the year.
- **Fidura & Associates:** Monica Rodriguez stated they have two group homes where they are able to serve eight individuals. There were zero complaints made in 2013. Monica Rodriguez stated she oversees both group homes and they are about ½ a mile from each other. Mr. Collins asked if they are able to serve individuals from the training centers. Monica Rodriguez stated she was not sure that would be a question for Jennifer Fidura.

Addition of New Location:

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

Blue Ridge Residential Services:

Request for additional location: Catherin is checking to make sure this home is in the VLHRC catchment area
Panther Falls Way
9129 Panther Falls Way
Bristow, VA. 20136

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VCSB add location

Request for additional location:

Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind 92 New Hope Road, Staunton, VA. 24401 Licensing Specialist Pam DuBose	Out Patient Therapy
Robert E. Lee High School 1200 N. Coalter Street, Staunton, VA. 24401 Licensing Specialist Pam DuBose	Therapeutic Day Service
Genesis Alternative Education Program Dixon Education Center 1751 Shutterlee Mill Road, Staunton, VA. 24401 Licensing Specialist Pam DuBose	Therapeutic Day Service

Wall Residences

Request for additional location:

Vickie Clark 177 Huffman Lane, Fairfield, VA. 24435 Licensing Specialist: Pam DuBose	One Individual
Tim Garrett 426 Augusta Farms Road, Waynesboro, VA. 22980 Licensing Specialist: Rhonda Angel	Two Individuals
Penny & David Whitesell 367 Greenville School Road, Greenville, VA. 24440 Licensing Specialist: Rhonda Angel	Two Individuals

Closed session called to order

- Blue Ridge Residential Services: Six restrictive device renewals
- The Arc of Augusta: Five restrictive device renewals
- DePaul Community Resources: Next Friend appointed
- Family Sharing: Informational

All presentations approved

Closed session adjourned at 11:49 A.M. and open Session reconvened

Next Meeting October 11, 2014

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.