

LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

01/17/06

6:00PM

Present: Deborah Atno-Shelton, Chair
Wendy Young, Member
Joe Tuell, Fac. Dir.
Pam White, CCCA LHRC Liaison

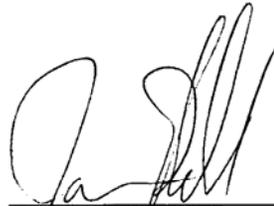
Dan McCauley, Vice Chair
Mark Seymour, CCCA-Advocate

Guest: Joe Morris, *Shenandoah House/Intercept*

Absent: Jim Hall, Secretary

Minutes Prepared by: Pamela White

Approved by:


Jim Hall, Secretary

CURRENT AGENDA	FUTURE AGENDA
1. Call to Order; Review of Minutes	1. Call to Order; Review of Minutes
2. Advocate's Report	2. CCCA Facility Director's Report
3. CCCA Facility Director's Report	3. Advocate's Report
4. Adjourn	4. The next regular CCCA LHRC meeting has been scheduled for 03/21/06 @ 6:00pm.

1. Deborah Atno-Shelton-Chair called the meeting to order, welcoming all present with a review of the LHRC minutes of 11/15/05.

Action: The CCCA LHRC minutes of 11/05/05 were approved as presented.

2. Mark Seymour-Advocate presented the Advocate's Report, noting several concerns in the community that have been on-going, including levels of supervision and incidents of aggression. He reported that the CCCA LHRC Bylaws had been reviewed by the State Human Rights Committee (SHRC) at the December 2005 meeting and had been approved with editorial changes. Mr. Seymour also recommended that the CCCA LHRC affiliated programs send representation to the regular LHRC meetings.

Action: The CCCA LHRC approved the changes as recommended by the SHRC, which will be incorporated into the final document and submitted for signatures. The CCCA LHRC approved Mr. Seymour's recommendation for affiliation representation at the regular meetings.

3. Mr. Seymour introduced Joe Morris, Program Manager at the *Shenandoah House/Intercept*, whose 8-bed program was requesting affiliation. Mr. Morris stated that the *Shenandoah House* was a licensed therapeutic group home for adolescent males, most of whom attend public school. He related that the program had a component of teaching daily living skills as well as a strong human rights focus. Mr. Morris added that there is a point/level system that reflects the rate of success on at least 3 basic goals taken from the youngster's treatment plan. He also stated that when possible, youth participated in summer work programs and where the need exists, *Shenandoah House* has been working with Valley Vocational Technical School for Special Education certificates/diplomas. Mr. Morris closed by stating that *Shenandoah House* is currently affiliated with Valley CSB LHRC, which has requested relief due to the number of programs it currently serves.

Action: The CCCA LHRC accepted the Shenandoah House/Intercept program for affiliation.

4. Joe Tuell-Facility Director presented the Facility Director's Report and provided information focusing on the overall acute nature of child and adolescent MH services. He cited the unpredictable veracity of admissions coming in to the Center, noting highs and lows that cannot be related at this point to any one specific State-wide phenomenon. Dan McCauley-Member suggested that the Center's admissions could have been affected globally due to the national focus in the Gulf regarding Hurricane Katrina last fall wherein resources and efforts to assist were concentrated on that region.

Action: Mr. Tuell will continue provide updates regarding facility issues as needed.