

LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

02/19/2013

Present: Susan Richardson, LHRC Chair
Deborah Atno-Shelton, LHRC Secretary
Joe Tuell, CCCA Facility Director
Laura Ogden, *Affiliate: Spec. Youth Svcs.*
Nancy Armstrong, Ed.D., *Affiliate: VSDB*
Dale Hamann, *Affiliate: Intercept/CRISIS ONE*
Teresa Bouthillier, *Affiliate: Intercept/MHS & IHS*
Gretchen Wilhelm, *Affiliate: Compass Y&F Svcs.*
Candace Berry, *Affiliate: VHBC & VSS*
Erin Haw, VOPA

Jim Strock, LHRC Vice Chair
Mark Seymour, DBHDS/Advocate
Pam White, CCCA LHRC Liaison
Jim Rankin, *Affiliate: NCG, Inc.-Staunton/H'burg*
Lora Cantwell, *Affiliate: Fam.Educ. Svcs.*
Wendy Little, *Affiliate: Intercept Youth Svcs.-Shen. House*
JoAnn Shoemaker, *Affiliate: Family Pres. Svcs. Inc.*
Keith King, *Affiliate: Matthews Center/H'burg*
Kelly Atwood, *Affiliate: Crossroads Counseling*
Jeff Aaron, Ph.D., CCCA Psychologist

Prospective Program(s) for Expansion: National Counseling Group Inc.
Intercept: Staunton Crisis Stab. & Crisis Intervention
Matthew's Center

Prospective Candidate for Membership: Deidre Pritt

Absent: Jennifer H. Cline, LHRC Member

Minutes Prepared by: Pamela White, CCCA Liaison

Approved by:


Deborah Atno-Shelton, Secretary

CURRENT AGENDA	FUTURE AGENDA
1. Call to Order; Review of Minutes	1. Call to Order; Review of Minutes
2. General: Affiliated Programs	2. General: Affiliated Programs
3. Advocate's Report	3. Advocate's Report
4. CCCA Facility Director's Report	4. CCCA Facility Director's Report
5. Adjourn	5. The next regular CCCA LHRC meeting has been scheduled for 04/16/2013 @ 6:00pm.

1. Susan Richardson-Chair called the meeting to order with roundtable introductions of all present and a review of the CCCA LHRC minutes of 10/16/12.

Action: The motion was made and seconded that the CCCA LHRC minutes of 10/16/12 be approved as amended; the motion passed unanimously.

2. Affiliations: Requests

Jim Rankin, *Affiliate: NCG, Inc.-Staunton/Harrisonburg* requested an expansion to offer services in Page and Shenandoah Counties, citing the need to be able to follow consumers who initiate services within the current service area who move just outside the geographical area to nearby counties. Mr. Rankin reported that at present, approximately 5 clients were in the New Market area. Mark Seymour-DBHDS Advocate acknowledged the service provision challenges and recommended approval.

Action: Motions were made and seconded regarding CCCA LHRC approval of program expansion by National Counseling Group, Inc. into Page and Shenandoah Counties. The request was approved as presented.

Dale Hamann, *Affiliate: Intercept/CRISIS ONE* requested expansion of the currently affiliated Lexington program for intervention and stabilization to operate in the Staunton area. He reiterated that the program was strictly mobile, going to the physical location of the client requiring services. Mr. Hamann added that referrals were typically from private evaluators. He acknowledged that while he was specifically requesting approval for the Staunton location, Intercept/Crisis One wanted to include the areas of Waynesboro-Augusta County-Nelson County-Charlottesville-Albemarle County, as these areas were also in the licensing process.

Action: Motions were made and seconded regarding CCCA LHRC approval of program expansion by Intercept/Crisis One. The request was approved as presented.

Keith King, *Affiliate: Matthew's Center* requested approval for a programmatic change from using "Therapeutic Options" to that of "Safety Care." He provided highlights of the program, citing a better philosophical match that was a positive approach. Mr. King reported that the Safety Care manual had been submitted to Margaret Walsh-VA DBHDS/Office of Human Rights for review and that Matthew's Center staff were to complete training by April 30th.

Action: Motions were made and seconded regarding CCCA LHRC approval of Matthew's Center's change from Therapeutic Options to Safety Care. The request was approved as presented.

Affiliations: Annual Reports

Annual Reports were provided by Wendy Little, *Affiliate: Intercept Youth Svcs.-Shen. House*, Nancy Armstrong, Ed.D., *Affiliate: VSDB*, and JoAnn Shoemaker, *Affiliate: Family Pres. Svcs. Inc.* Ms. Shoemaker also announced that Family Preservation Services would be changing to Safety Care for emergency interventions and would be requesting the change at the next scheduled CCCA LHRC meeting.

Action: After clarifications regarding the definition of abuse from the DBHDS *Rules & Regulations*, Ms. Little will revise and send her report to the CCCA LHRC for Intercept:Shenandoah House. Motions were made and seconded regarding CCCA LHRC approval of the Annual Reports provided by VSDB and Family Preservation Services; they were approved as presented.

3. Joe Tuell-Facility Director presented the Facility Director's Report, presenting two Center Instructions (CIs) for review and approval. He reported that CI 2428 "Psychosurgery and Electroconvulsive Therapy" was updated in format, noting that there were not operational changes. Mr. Tuell introduced CCCA psychologist Jeff Aaron, Ph.D., who presented the Center's policy regarding the prohibition of the usage of Time Out. Dr. Aaron shared that CI 2410 "Time-Out Use Prohibited" was a collaborative approach that works to avoid possible escalation; it is a move away from coercive and confrontation interactions with patients and is grounded in trauma-informed care.

Mr. Tuell provided an overview of the recent visit and training by SAMHSA consultants in furthering the goal of a reduction in seclusion/restraint usage. The Center-wide training was the kickoff for a more positive approach to interventions, which continues to evolve. Mr. Tuell reported that staff member Tom Collins, Ph.D. was spearheading this effort for the Center and he planned to have Dr. Collins to provide a general overview to the CCCA LHRC in the future.

Action: Motions were made and seconded regarding CCCA LHRC approval of Center Instructions 2428 and 2410; they were approved as presented.

4. Mark Seymour-DBHDS/Advocate presented the Advocate's Report, stating that the 2007 DBHDS human rights *Rules and Regulations* were in the revision process. He reported that the CHRIS program, which captures abuse allegations, complaints, and critical incidents, would have training offered March 6th and March 13th. Mr. Seymour acknowledged that the DOJ review of VA's training centers had pushed efforts to match residents with appropriate community programs and services, with oversight provided by DBHDS Human Rights, Licensure, and staff who know the individual's needs to help with the transition. Mr. Seymour added that Western State Hospital's (WSH) anticipated move to its new buildings is anticipated for September 2013. While a self-contained state-of-the-art adult MH facility, WSH also provides many support services to CCCA. The original WSH property has been acquired by the City of Staunton and the new facility is located at the back of that same property, off Frontier Drive. Mr. Tuell commented that many logistics are already under consideration and will be worked out regarding WSH's provision of services to CCCA.

Action: The CCCA LHRC thanked Mr. Seymour for his report, noting many changes for the upcoming year.

5. A motion was made and passed to go into closed session pursuant to VA Code §2.2-3711 for the purpose of considering appointments to and removals from Local Human Rights Committees. Upon reconvening in open session, the CCCA LHRC certified to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the closed session were discussed in closed session.

Action: The CCCA LHRC recommended that the LHRC application of Deidre Pritt be considered by the SHRC for appointment.

6. The meeting was adjourned.