

LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

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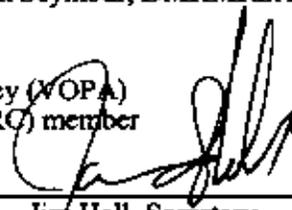
6:00PM

Present: Deborah Atno-Shelton, Chair
Jim Hall, Secretary
Macy Fox, Member
Joe Morris, *Affiliate: Shenandoah House/Intercept*
Jaime Marion, *Affiliate: ALT (Waynesboro)*
Barbara Shue, Acting CCCA Fac. Dir.
Pam White, CCCA LHRC Liaison

Dan McCauley, Vice-Chair
Wendy Young, Member
Teresa Kennedy, *Affiliate: Family Preservation Svcs.*
Trey Lawhorne, *Affiliate: Shenandoah House/Intercept*
Justine Waits, *Affiliate-Lutheran Family Services*
Mark Seymour, DMHMRSAS/Advocate

Guests: Rebecca Currin, Virginia Office of Protection & Advocacy (VOPA)
Joe Lynch, LCSW, State Human Rights Committee (SHRC) member

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. 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 05/15/07 @ 6:00pm.

1. Deborah Atno-Shelton- Chair called the meeting to order with round table introductions, welcoming all present. The CCCA LHRC minutes of 01/20/07 were reviewed.

Action: The CCCA LHRC minutes of 01/20/07 were approved as presented.

2. Mark Seymour-DMHMRSAS Advocate introduced Joe Lynch who is currently a member of the State Human Rights Committee (SHRC). Mr. Lynch provided a brief overview of his background, citing an interest in legislation and statutes that optimally address patient needs in mental health.

Action: The CCCA LHRC welcomed Mr. Lynch and thanked him for his interest and commitment.

3. Teresa Kennedy-*Affiliate: Family Preservation Services* presented the program's Annual Report, providing an update regarding training, implementation of a human rights program, and the internal complaint process. She provided an overview of the therapeutic in-home service and stated that there had been no complaints in the Staunton area. Ms. Kennedy stated that while there have been 9 restraint episodes in the past year, all of which were necessitated due to imminent danger. Restraint usage is rare given that the program emphasizes the least restrictive environment.

Action: Ms. Kennedy will provide informational updates of the program as needed.

4. General discussion items from the Affiliates that were represented include:
 - a. Joe Morris-*Affiliate: Shenandoah House/Intercept*, having accepted another position with Intercept, introduced Trey Lawhorne-*Shenandoah House/Intercept* who is his successor and will be attending the CCCA LHRC meetings. Mr. Morris also provided an update regarding the program's DMHMRSAS Licensure Review which included 2 citations which were resolved. He added that there have been no investigations or critical incidents at the facility.

Action: The CCCA LHRC welcomed Mr. Lawhorne and thanked Mr. Morris for the program update, wishing him well on his new position.

- b. Jaime Marion-*Affiliate: Augusta League of Therapists (Waynesboro)* provided a brief informational overview of his program whose focus is intensive home services.
- c. Justine Waits-*Affiliate-Lutheran Family Services* reported that although there were no clients in this region receiving services at this time, the Harrisonburg program had not had any complaints.

5. Mark Seymour-Advocate began the Advocate's Report, noting that the *Affiliate: Liberty Point* was not in attendance at the meeting due to a medical quarantine at the facility. He stated that the timeline for the new "DMHMRSAS Regulations" had been indefinitely delayed, with a target goal of becoming final by Fall 2007. Mr. Seymour commented that one change involved the complaint process in which the patient's original issue or concern is to be addressed through reasonable accommodation rather than patient satisfaction. He also stated that there will be new language regarding the input of parent/legal guardians and their requests regarding the treatment of their child.
6. Barbara Shue, Acting CCCA Fac. Dir. presented the Facility Director's Report, stating that the Center may exceed last year's admissions of 500+ and noting that February had been an exceptionally busy month citing 57 admissions and 49 discharges. She reported that the Center, as well as all DMHMRSAS facilities, would be going "tobacco free" in October 2007. While this is not a patient issue for the Center, it may be a staff issue and there will be cessation programs available for employees seeking assistance.
7. Dan McCauley-CCCA LHRC offered his resignation as an LHRC member, citing acceptance of a full-time staff position at Western State Hospital beginning at the end of the month.

Action: The CCCA LHRC wished Mr. McCauley well and thanked him for his willingness to serve on the CCCA LHRC. Committee members who would like to make a referral for the CCCA LHRC vacancy will communicate contact information to Pam White-CCCA Administration/LHRC Liaison.