

LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

03/18/08

Present: Deborah Atno-Shelton, Chair
Jim Hall, Secretary
Joe Tuell, CCCA Fac. Dir.
Mark Seymour, DMHMRSAS/Advocate
Chris Ruble, *Affiliate: Liberty Point*
Jaime Marion, *Affiliate: ALT (Waynesboro)*
Wendy Young, Vice Chair
Macy Fox, Member
Pam White, CCCA LHRC Liaison
Teresa Kennedy, *Affiliate: Family Preservation Svcs.*
Trey Lawhorne, *Affiliate: Shen. House/Intercept*
Justine Waits, *Affiliate-Lutheran Family Svcs.*

Absent: Paul Krikau, Member

Guest: Mark Stevens, VOPA

Minutes Prepared by: Pamela White, CCCA Liaison

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 05/20/08 @ 6:00pm.

1. Deborah Atno-Shelton/Chair called the meeting to order, welcoming all present with roundtable introductions and a review of the CCCA LHRC minutes of 01/15/08.

Action: The CCCA LHRC minutes of 01/15/08 were approved as presented.

2. **Annual Reports** from the affiliated programs presented include:
 - a. Teresa Kennedy-*Affiliate: Family Preservation Svcs.* presented the 2007 Annual Report for her program. She reported that policies and procedures had been updated to reflect the new human rights regulations. Ms. Kennedy also noted that there had been no patient complaints, providing an overview of the process. She commented that current efforts were to establish a culture of human rights through training and quality control. Ms. Kennedy stated that the program did not have any licensing citations and added that plans were underway to expand mental health support for older adolescents.

Action: The CCCA LHRC thanked Ms. Kennedy for the Annual Report, which was accepted as presented.

General discussion items from the affiliated programs that were represented include:

- b. Trey Lawhorne-*Affiliate: Shenandoah House/Intercept* commented that approval had been obtained for environmental improvements which would help with independent living classes.
- c. Justine Waits-*Affiliate: Lutheran Family Svcs.* reported that the program was getting established.
- d. Chris Ruble-*Affiliate: Liberty Point* provided an update regarding surveillance cameras, stating that the system had been installed and that appropriate notifications had been made.

Action: The CCCA LHRC thanked the affiliate representatives for their comments and updates.

3. Mark Seymour-DMHMRSAS Advocate presented the Advocates Report, noting that policies are to be updated by March 1st for compliance with the *Rules & Regulations to Assure the Rights of Individuals Receiving Services from Providers Licensed, Funded, or Operated by the Va. Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation & Substance Abuse Services (DMHMRSAS)*. He added that while there was debate over deadline changes, hard copies are required. Mr. Seymour added that most programs have had smooth transitions and acknowledged that while both complaints and allegations brought to Advocates, it is the allegations that are generally more serious and require immediate action.

Prospective member James Strock was introduced to the CCCA LHRC and his application for membership was reviewed. Mr. Strock commented that as an employee of DePaul Family Services, he was familiar with the role of LHRCs and human rights within a health care setting. Mr. Seymour presented a brief overview of CCCA's LHRC functions in specifically hearing children's issues and added that the State Human Rights Committee (SHRC) would be the appointing authority based on the CCCA LHRC recommendation.

Action: The CCCA LHRC recommended that Mr. Strock's application be considered by the SHRC for appointment.

4. Joe Tuell-Facility Director presented the Director's Report, highlighting that the admissions/discharges flow through has been very busy. He announced that plans were underway for a self-injury workshop to be offered this summer with the date yet to be determined and invited the CCCA LHRC members. He added that guest speaker would be Ruta Mazelis, editor of *The Cutting Edge: A Newsletter for People Living with Self-Inflicted Violence*.