

Commonwealth Center for Children & Adolescents
Staunton VA
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
04/16/2013

Present: Jim Strock, LHRC Acting Chair
Deborah Atno-Shelton, LHRC Secretary
Mark Seymour, DBHDS/Advocate
Joe Tuell, CCCA Facility Director
Laura Ogden, *Affiliate: Spec. Youth Svcs.*
Michelle Dedrick, *Affiliate: VSDB*
Jennifer Sherman, *Affiliate: Intercept Youth Svcs.*
JoAnn Shoemaker, *Affiliate: Family Pres. Svcs. Inc.*
Dane Byers, *Affiliate: Crossroads Counseling Ctrs.*
Kathryn Dickerson, *Affiliate: Liberty Point*
Erin Haw, VOPA

Jennifer H. Cline, LHRC Member
Deidre Pritt, LHRC Member

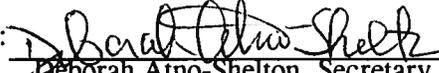
Pam White, CCCA LHRC Liaison
Jim Rankin, *Affiliate: NCG, Inc.-Staunton/H'burg*
Lora Cantwell, *Affiliate: Fam.Educ. Svcs.*
Teresa Bouthillier, *Affiliate: Intercept/MHS & IIHS*
Dylan Grey, *Affiliate: Compass Y&F Svcs.*
Doris Moore, *Affiliate: People Places*

Tom Collins, Ph.D., CCCA Psychologist

Prospective Programs for Expansion: National Counseling Group Inc. Intercept Youth Services
Family Preservation Services Crossroads Counseling Centers

Absent: Susan Richardson, LHRC Chair

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 07/16/2013 @ 6:00pm.

1. Jim Strock-Acting Chair called the meeting to order with roundtable introductions of all present and a review of the CCCA LHRC minutes of 02/19/13.

Action: The motion was made and seconded that the CCCA LHRC minutes of 02/19/13 be approved as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

2. Affiliations: Requests

Jennifer Sherman, *Affiliate: Intercept Youth Svcs.* requested affiliation for the provision of outpatient counseling and psychiatric services in Region I. She added that the expansion of services was based on client needs.

Action: Advocate Mark Seymour recommended the affiliation for approval. Motions were made and seconded regarding CCCA LHRC approval of program expansion by Intercept Youth Services. The request was approved as presented.

JoAnn Shoemaker, *Affiliate: Family Pres. Svcs. Inc.* requested program affiliation for expanded Therapeutic Day Treatment (TDT) services to be provided in Allegheny County Schools.

Action: Following general discussion concerning client services, the CCCA LHRC recommended that the program seek affiliation with an LHRC closer in proximity to the locale of the clients served.

Dane Byers, *Affiliate: Crossroads Counseling Centers* requested affiliation for expanded TDT services at two additional school sites in the Harrisonburg area.

Action: Motions were made and seconded regarding CCCA LHRC approval of program expansion by Crossroads Counseling Centers in Harrisonburg City schools. The request was approved as presented.

2. **Affiliations: Requests (Cont'd.)**

Jim Rankin, *Affiliate: NCG, Inc.-Staunton/Harrisonburg* requested an expansion to offer TDT services in Rockingham County to include Broadway. Mr. Rankin also announced a program change from "Handle with Care" to the behavioral management techniques of the Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI). He presented the program as being an evidence-based approach that provides for defensive techniques and stated that NCG does not utilize seclusion. Mark Seymour-DBHDS Advocate acknowledged the varied programs used throughout the state and recommended approval.

Action: Motions were made and seconded regarding CCCA LHRC approval of program expansion by National Counseling Group, Inc. in regards to Rockingham County as well as the approval of the program change. The requests were approved as presented.

Affiliations: Annual Reports

Annual Reports were provided by Doris Moore, *Affiliate: People Places*, Laura Ogden, *Affiliate: Spec. Youth Svcs.*, and Dane Byers, *Affiliate: Crossroads Counseling Centers*. All reported no allegations and general discussion of the services provided.

Action: Motions were made and seconded regarding CCCA LHRC approval of the Annual Reports provided by People Places, Specialized Youth Services, and Crossroads Counseling Centers; they were approved as presented.

3. Mark Seymour-DBHDS/Advocate presented the Advocate's Report, announcing that questionnaires for consumers, LHRC members, and advocates had been initiated in both electronic and hard copy concerning accessibility. He urged participation in this opportunity to provide input, stating that the deadline for comments was 04/26/13.

Mr. Seymour provided all present with the handout "A Summary of Selected FOIA Provisions for the State Human Rights Committee" dated January 25, 2013 as presented to the State Human Rights Committee by Karen Taylor-Virginia Office of the Attorney General. He reviewed definitions and provided clarification to general questions and discussion concerning the Freedom of Information Act.

Action: The CCCA LHRC thanked Mr. Seymour for his presentation and information.

4. Joe Tuell-Facility Director presented the Facility Director's Report, introducing CCCA psychologist Tom Collins, Ph.D., who is leading the Center towards lesser restrictive interventions in patient care. Dr. Collins emphasized that Center staff have always tried to keep least restrictive approaches in mind. He stated that the programs use a more nurturing and supportive-based trauma-informed methodology, rather than coercion or a contingent-based process. Mr. Tuell emphasized that the Center continues to be the safety net for children and adolescents throughout the Commonwealth, who come with varied and diverse circumstances of need; trauma-informed care is one tool that the Center has to offer.

Mr. Tuell also announced his retirement, effective 06/01/13, with 41 Years of Service to the Commonwealth of Virginia. He commented that the CCCA LHRC has evolved over time from being CCCA-focused to adding community programs. Mr. Tuell stated that the Center has never lost sight of children's needs, in spite of the threats of closure and emergency re-location of services.

Action: The CCCA LHRC thanked Mr. Tuell for his report and congratulated him on his retirement.

5. The meeting was adjourned.