

LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

05/20/08

Present: Deborah Atno-Shelton, Chair
Jim Hall, Secretary
Paul Krikau, Member
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
Jim Strock, Member
Pam White, CCCA LIIRC Liaison
Greg Medley *Affiliate: Liberty Point Group Home*

Guests: Dan McCauley, retired LHRC Member
Mark Stevens, VOPA

Minutes Prepared by: Pamela White, CCCA Liaison

Approved by: 
Wendy Young, Vice Chair

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 07/15/08 @ 6:00pm.

1. Joe Tuell-Facility Director welcomed all present with roundtable introductions. He recognized previous member Dan McCauley as well as Deborah Atno-Shelton-Chair and Jim Hall-Secretary as retiring CCCA LHRC members with much appreciation and thanks for their service on the committee. Mark Seymour-DMHMRSAS Advocate commended them for their commitment and involvement, presenting each with a service certificate from the DMHMRSAS State Human Rights Committee (SHRC).

2. Deborah Atno-Shelton/Chair called the meeting to order with a review of the CCCA LHRC minutes of 03/18/08.

Action: The CCCA LHRC minutes of 03/18/08 were approved as presented.

3. **Annual Reports** from the affiliated programs presented include:

a. Chris Ruble-*Affiliate: Liberty Point* presented the 2008 Annual Report, stating that human rights training is provided to staff on-hire and annually; two staff also attended the regional training at Western State Hospital (WSH) regarding the updated *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)*. Mr. Ruble reported that human rights information is communicated with the residents on admission and that the program had 6 formal complaints during the year which were resolved to the satisfaction of those primary parties involved. Mr. Ruble also introduced staff member Greg Medley of the *Liberty Point Group Home*, which serves adolescent males from the *Liberty Point* program and has its own education program.

Action: The CCCA LHRC thanked Mr. Ruble for the Annual Report and program update, which was accepted as presented.

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

b. Jaime Marion, *Affiliate: Augusta League of Therapists (Waynesboro)* announced that the *Charlottesville League of Therapists* (parent company) intended to regionalize LHRC affiliations and as such, his program may transfer its current affiliation with CCCA LHRC to Region Ten CSB LHRC.

Action: The CCCA LHRC thanked Mr. Marion for his update, acknowledging the favorable status of his program and the possibility of this transition.

4. Mark Seymour-DMHMRSAS Advocate presented the Advocates Report, commenting that several community LHRCs have been inundated with affiliations and program providers have been reassessing logistics regarding LHRC requirements. He added that specifically, Harrisonburg-Rockingham CSB LHRC has several children's programs affiliations and that they may be requesting transfers to the CCCA LHRC. Mr. Seymour commended CCCA for its proactive measures involving family members and consumers in the seclusion/restraint reduction efforts.

Action: The CCCA LHRC thanked Mr. Seymour who will continue to provide updates as needed.

5. Joe Tuell-Facility Director provided the Facility Director's Report, stating that it had been a very busy year. He referenced recent budget reductions that the Center had taken and noted that at this time, there would not be any staff lay offs. He added that demands on bed space continued to increase and that efforts were ongoing to streamline documentation. Mr. Tuell announced that the Center was involved in an initiative to reduce the usage of seclusion/restraint and was part of a DMHMRSAS effort sponsored by a national grant. Plans include the offering of a workshop at Blue Ridge Community College on 06/26/08. Mr. Tuell thanked LHRC member Macy Fox for being a part of these efforts, representing family interests in looking at the culture of change. Mr. Tuell also related that a current adolescent patient was also participating representing consumer interests. He commented that complaints were being handled appropriately at the lowest level possible to optimize patient satisfaction.
6. Ms. Atno-Shelton-Chair requested that the CCCA LHRC consider a new slate of officers at the next scheduled meeting and thanked the members for their support during her term as a CCCA LHRC member and officer.

Action: The CCCA LHRC will consider a new slate of officers at the next meeting. All business being finished, the meeting was adjourned.