

LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

05/19/09

The March 2009 meeting was cancelled.

Present: Wendy Young, Chair
Greg Czynszczon, Member
Mark Seymour, DMHMRSAS/Advocate
Joe Tuell, CCCA Fac. Dir.
Joann Shumaker, *Affiliate: Family Pres. Svcs.*
Kathryn Dickerson, *Affiliate: Liberty Point*
Mark Stevens, VOPA
Susan Powell, Prospective LHRC Member

Jim Strock, Secretary
Macy Fox, Member
Pam White, CCCA LHRC Liaison
Don Roe, Ph.D., CCCA Assist. Director
Wendy Little, *Affiliate: Intercept Youth Svcs.*
Natalie Elliott, *Affiliate: Liberty Point*
Jenny Heilborn, VOPA

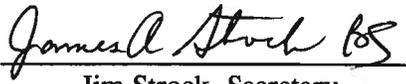
Absent: Paul Krikau, Member

Prospective Programs for Affiliation:

Dane Byers, *Crossroads Counselling Center*
Duane Gingerich, *Specialized Youth Svcs.*
Melissa Blinn, *People Places-Staunton*
Athena Hall, *Hall Community Svcs.-Staunton*

Terri Gibbs, *Minnick Education Center*
Darlene Hilton, *Specialized Youth Svcs.*
Doris Moore, *People Places-Charlottesville*
Shannon Atkinson, *Hall Community Svcs.-Roanoke*

Minutes Prepared by: Pamela White, CCCA Liaison

Approved by: 
Jim Strock, 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 07/21/09 @ 6:00pm.

1. Wendy Young-Chair called the meeting to order with round table introductions of all present and a review of the CCCA LHRC minutes of 01/20/09.

Action: The CCCA LHRC minutes of 01/20/09 were approved as presented.

2. **Annual Reports** from the affiliated programs presented include:
 - a. Wendy Little-*Affiliate: Intercept Youth Services* declined to present the 2009 Annual Report acknowledging that she was new to the process and would provide the report by the end of the week in email.
 - b. Joann Shumaker-*Affiliate: Family Preservation Services* reported that she would be attending the meetings previously attended by Teresa Kennedy. She presented the Annual Report verbally, noting that there had been no complaints. She commented that 4 staff members had Master's degrees.
 - c. Natalie Elliott-*Affiliate: Liberty Point* announced that effective June 1st, Taylor Davis would be joining the program as Chief Executive Officer. She provided the committee members with the 2009 Annual Report, reviewing staffing and human rights items. Ms. Elliott stated that there were 39 complaints last year that were addressed and resolved, noting a need to discuss discrepancy issues with Advocate Mark Seymour for clarification.

Action: The CCCA LHRC approved *Family Preservation Services'* report. The CCCA LHRC requested that *Intercept Youth Services* present its Annual Report at the next meeting; and that *Liberty Point* represent their report after consultation with Mr. Seymour.

Requests for affiliation transfers were introduced by Mr. Seymour for consideration:

- a. Dane Byers-*Crossroads Counseling Center* provided a brief overview of his program, stating that it was a branch of Children's Services of Virginia and initially started in Winchester. He reported that it provided intensive in-home services, with additional school and mentoring services. Mr. Byers noted the program's growth, stating that approximately 70 employees are providing services and that 85% of the programs are for children under the age of 18. Having already been LHRC-affiliated, he requested a transfer to CCCA LHRC due to its child focus.
- b. Terri Gibbs-*Minnick Education Center (Harrisonburg)* described the program, which has a new facility in Harrisonburg, as serving 7-9 school districts for K-12 through a specialized education day program. It is licensed through DMHMRSAS and DOE, providing services to approximately 40 youths. There are 27 employees consisting of teachers and staff. The program is currently affiliated with Rockingham-Harrisonburg CSB LHRC and is seeking transfer to the CCCA LHRC.
- c. Darlene Hilton-*Specialized Youth Services and Child & Family Guidance* presented the intensive in-home services program and day treatment, reporting that at the therapeutic day school staff are TOVA trained. She added that policies and procedures are up to date, noting that the program is currently affiliated with Harrisonburg-Rockingham CSB LHRC and requesting transfer to the CCCA LHRC.

Action: At the recommendation of Mr. Seymour, the CCCA LHRC approved the transfer of the affiliations as requested.

New requests for affiliation were introduced by Mr. Seymour for consideration:

- a. Shannon Atkinson-*Hall Community Services, Inc. (Roanoke)* described the Roanoke-based program as offering mentoring and mental health supports to adolescents, ages 16 years and older. She announced plans to open an office in Staunton, introducing Athena Hall-*Hall Community Services, Inc. (Staunton)* and noting that the program was still in its early stages, not yet providing services.
- b. Melissa Blinn-*People Places (Staunton)* and Doris Moore-*People Places (Charlottesville)* presented the programs' request for affiliation for both locations providing in-home services to youth, noting that the core service is therapeutic foster care. Ms. Moore noted that this would enable services to follow the transition of reunifying families and providing support to adoptive families.

Action: The CCCA LHRC granted a 6-month temporary affiliation with no renewal to *Hall Community Services, Inc.* The CCCA LHRC approved both the Staunton and Charlottesville programs operated by *People Places* for affiliation.

3. Mark Seymour-DMHMRSAS/Advocate presented his Advocate's Report, noting that there are currently 77 LHRCs throughout Virginia to accommodate programs providing services. He acknowledged that many regional LHRCs had become saturated with affiliation requests, recognizing the startup of a number of new service programs requiring licensure and oversight. Mr. Seymour closed by stating that the 2009 General Assembly session had approved a name change: Effective July 1st, the Virginia Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services (DMHMRSAS) would be known as the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS).
4. Joe Tuell-Facility Director presented the Director's Report, noting that the Center had avoided closure through the reinstatement of funds by the General Assembly. He reported that the DMHMRSAS CCCA Closure Committee had been reconstituted as the Children's Mental Health State and Community Consensus Planning Team and has been expanded to facilitate input regarding the provision of mental health services to the youth of Virginia. He commented that throughout the timeframe following the closure announcement, the Center has lost staff as a result due to job uncertainty and yet, admissions continued to increase in record-setting numbers. Mr. Tuell stated that Center staff continued to work to reduce to usage of seclusion and restraint through task force and NASMHPD grant initiatives.

Don Roe, Ph.D.-Assistant Facility Director presented 12 revised Center Instructions (CIs) for review and approval, noting that the adjustments were updates for language requirements and name changes. Policies reviewed: 1130, 2120,2210, 2222,2223,2320,2326, 2410,2429, 2431,2432 and 2640.

Action:The CCCA LHRC approved the policies as presented and thanked Mr. Tuell for his update regarding facility activities.

5. A motion was made and passed to go into closed session pursuant to VA Code §2.2-3711 for the purpose of considering an appointment to the CCCA Local Human Rights Committee. 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. The CCCA LHRC noted that member Macy Fox had resigned, creating a vacancy as Vice Chair.

Action: After the applicant questionnaire review and candidate interview, the CCCA LHRC recommended that Susan Powell's application be submitted to the State Human Rights Committee (SHRC) for approval and appointment. The CCCA LHRC will discuss officers at the next meeting.