

**LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE**

07/17/07

6:00PM

Present: Deborah Atno-Shelton, Chair  
Wendy Young, Member  
Macy Fox, Member  
Joe Tuell, CCCA Fac. Dir.  
Jaime Marion, *Affiliate: ALT (Waynesboro)*  
Chris Ruble, *Affiliate: Liberty Point*  
Brooke Rodgers, *Affiliate-Lutheran Family Svcs.*

Jim Hall, Secretary  
Paul Krikau, Member  
Randy Urgo, DMHMRSAS/Advocate  
Pam White, CCCA LHRC Liaison  
Trey Lawhorne, *Affiliate: Shenandoah House/Intercept*  
Kathryn Dickerson, *Affiliate: Liberty Point*

Guests: Mark Stevens, VOPA  
Wendy Tru and Paul Maynard, *Affiliate: Liberty Point*

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. Adjourn	4. CCCA Facility Director's Report
	5. The next regular CCCA LHRC meeting has been scheduled for 09/18/07 @ 6:00pm.

1. Deborah Atno-Shelton-Chair called the meeting to order, welcoming all present with round table introductions. The CCCA LHRC minutes of 05/15/07 were reviewed.

Action: The CCCA LHRC minutes of 05/15/07 were approved as presented.

2. General discussion items from the affiliated programs that were represented include:
  - a. Trey Lawhorne-*Affiliate: Shenandoah House/Intercept* had no updates to report.
  - b. Jaime Marion-*Affiliate: Augusta League of Therapists (Waynesboro)* also had no updates to report.
  - c. Brooke Rodgers-*Affiliate: Lutheran Family Services* provided a brief overview of her program.
  - d. Chris Ruble-*Affiliate: Liberty Point* introduced staff members Wendy Tru and Paul Maynard. Mr. Maynard is organizing the start-up phase of a new 8-bed group home in the area and is currently looking for an appropriate locale. This group home is to be staged as a "step down" facility serving residents who are in the Liberty Point program, serving adolescent males up to age 21 years. Mr. Ruble also reported that *Liberty Point* was in a period of transition due to the current vacancy of the Director of Clinical Programs and that operations would continue to flow with the team members on staff providing the continuity for the resident milieu until such time as the position was filled.

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

3. Randy Urgo-DMHMRSAS Advocate presented the Advocate's Report on behalf of Mark Seymour-DMHMRSAS Advocate, announcing that the VA DMHMRSAS *Rules & Regulations to Assure the Rights of Individuals Receiving Services from Providers of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services* should be finalized soon and that LHRC training is tentatively scheduled for 09/13-14/07 at the Koger Center in Richmond. Mr. Urgo shared that efforts were ongoing in the facilities to resolve patient complaints.
4. Joe Tuell-Facility Director provided the Facility Director's Report and presented statistics from Fiscal Year 2007, which covers the period of July 1, 2006-June 30, 2007. (Handout 1) He highlighted a notable increase in admissions, commenting that the complex circumstances and the various needs of patients have continued to be challenging. Mr. Tuell added that issues are ongoing in meeting the needs of youngsters with autism or a bipolar diagnosis.