

LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

08/20/13

The CCCA LHRC meeting originally scheduled for July 2013
was rescheduled for August 20, 2013.

Present: Susan Richardson, LHRC Chair
Jennifer H. Cline, LHRC Member
Mark Seymour, DBHDS/Advocate
Jeffrey Aaron, Ph.D., CCCA Fac. Dir.
Laura Ogden, *Affiliate: Spec. Youth Svcs.*
Lora Cantwell, *Affiliate: Fam. Educ. Svcs.*
Teresa Bouthillier, *Affiliate: Intercept/MHS & IIHS*
Gretchen Wilhelm, *Affiliate: Compass Y&F Svcs.*
Keith King, *Affiliate: Matthews Center/H'burg*
Kathryn Dickerson, *Affiliate: Liberty Point*
Erin Haw, VOPA

Jim Strock, LHRC Acting Chair
Deborah Atno-Shelton, LHRC Secretary

Pam White, CCCA LHRC Liaison
Jim Rankin, *Affiliate: NCG, Inc.-Staunton/H'burg*
Candace Berry, *Affiliate: VHBC & VSS*
Karen Painter, *Affiliate: Family Pres. Svcs. Inc.*
Dwayne Martin, *Affiliate: Crossroads Counseling Ctrs.*
Andrea Zampiva, *Affiliate: Matthews Center/H'burg*
Jeanette DuVal, *Affiliate: DBHDS/VA Juv. Comp. Restoration Svcs*

Absent: Deidre Pritt, LHRC Member

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 10/15/2013 @ 6:00pm.

1. Susan Richardson-Chair called the meeting to order with roundtable introductions of all present and a review of the CCCA LHRC minutes of 04/16/13.

Action: The motion was made and seconded that the CCCA LHRC minutes of 04/16/13 be approved as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

2. **Affiliations:** Requests

Karen Painter, *Affiliate: Family Pres. Svcs. Inc.* requested temporary affiliation for services provided in the Alleghany area pending affiliation with the New River Valley LHRC. Ms. Painter also announced a change in the emergency intervention program they are currently using; they are changing from Crisis Intervention to Safety Care.

Action: At the recommendation of Advocate Mark Seymour, the motion was made and seconded regarding CCCA LHRC approval of temporary affiliation for Family Preservation Services, Inc.; it was approved as requested. The motion was also made and seconded to accept the program change to Safety Care; the request was approved as presented.

Teresa Bouthillier, *Affiliate: Intercept/MHS & IIHS* requested approval for an office relocation due space needs, noting that the office would continue to be in Lexington.

Action: The motion was made and seconded to approve the office move of Intercept; it was approved as presented.

Keith King, *Affiliate: Matthews Center/Harrisonburg* presented a request regarding a summer camp. He shared that the program was an effort to provide social groups outside of school time, and dependent upon the need.

Action: The motion was made and seconded to approve the summer camp program from Matthews Center; it was approved as presented.

Affiliations: Annual Reports

Annual Reports were provided by Gretchen Wilhelm, *Affiliate: Compass Y&F Svcs.*, Lora Cantwell, *Affiliate: Fam.Educ.Svcs.*, Jim Rankin, *Affiliate: NCG, Inc.-Staunton/Harrisonburg*, Teresa Bouthillier, *Affiliate: Intercept/MHS & IIHS*, Keith King, *Affiliate: Matthews Center/Harrisonburg* and Jeanette DuVal, *Affiliate: DBHDS/VA Juv. Comp. Restoration Svcs.* All provided general updates and discussion concerning services provided.

Action: Motions were made and seconded regarding CCCA LHRC approval of the Annual Reports provided by Compass, Family Education Services, National Counseling Group, Intercept Youth Services and DBHDS-Virginia Juvenile Competency Restoration Services; they were approved as presented.

Affiliations: Announcements

Kathryn Dickerson, *Affiliate: Liberty Point* announced that the program was considering expansion.

3. Mark Seymour-DBHDS/Advocate presented the Advocate's Report, providing an update from the questionnaires for consumers, LHRC members, and advocates regarding the complaint process. Old Dominion University administered the survey and provided the results. He reported that the survey was completed by 337 consumers and 366 providers. Mr. Seymour commented that approximately 70-75% found that consumer access regarding the complaint process was easier and that most comments were favorable. He announced that the complaint process will be redefined, which may be included in the *VA DBHDS Rules & Regulations to Assure the Rights of Individuals Receiving Services from Providers Licensed, Funded or Operated by DMHMRSAS[DBHDS]*, which are currently under review. Mr. Seymour shared that the impact of these changes is unknown for the existing LHRC structure and that the current moratorium on any new LHRC continues. In general discussion regarding the current CCCA LHRC meeting structure, he suggested that for 2014 and if amenable to their schedules, the committee members consider conducting meetings during the day, rather than in the evenings.

Action: The CCCA LHRC thanked Mr. Seymour for his presentation and update. The CCCA LHRC will review alternatives to the CCCA LHRC meeting schedule for 2014 at the next meeting.

4. Jeffrey Aaron, Ph.D.-Facility Director presented the Facility Director's Report, acknowledging the retirement of the previous Facility Director Joe Tuell. Dr. Aaron announced that while this is a time of change for the Center, the role of the facility remains the same as CCCA continues to be the acute inpatient safety net for children and adolescents. He added that relationship-based collaborative trauma-informed care remained a priority for the Center. Dr. Aaron also provided an update for FY13, citing 691 admissions, median Length-of-Stay of 10 days, and an average Length-of-Stay of 16.9. He reported that many of the Center's policies were in the review process for updating or consolidation, introducing one new and one revised Center Instruction (CI) for CCCA LHRC consideration and approval:

<New> Center Instruction 2225 Requesting Legal Charges Related to Alleged Patient Behavior addresses the structural process to ensure a thoughtful and clinical approach when necessary. Dr. Aaron stated that while incidents regarding property destruction were not typically brought forward, there is also the possibility of patient incidents involving staff injury that may necessitate consideration of legal action.

Center Instruction 2624 Search and Prohibited Items Policy had been updated to reflect current practice and provide more direction to staff; there were no changes that would be more restrictive to patients.

Action: The motion was made and seconded; the CCCA LHRC approved CI 2225 and CI 2624 as presented. The CCCA LHRC thanked Dr. Aaron for his report and congratulated him in his role as the new Facility Director.

5. Erin Haw, VOPA announced that although the organization was an independent State agency, beginning October 1, 2013 it would become a designated Protection and Advocacy organization of Virginia known as the disAbility Law Center of Virginia (dLCV).
5. A motion was made and passed to go into closed session pursuant to VA Code §2.2-3711 for the purpose of considering appointments to and removals from Local Human Rights Committees. 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.

Action: The CCCA LHRC recommended that LHRC members Deborah Atno-Shelton and Jennifer Cline be considered for reappointment to the committee by the SHRC.

10. The meeting was adjourned.