

LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

07/21/14

Present: Susan Richardson, LHRC Chair
Jim Strock, LHRC Vice Chair
Jim Rankin, *Affiliate: NCG, Inc.-Staunton/H'burg*
Nicki Shepard, *Affiliate: Compass Y&F Svcs.*
Dwayne Martin, *Affiliate: Crossroads Counseling Ctrs.*
Lora Cantwell, *Affiliate: Fam. Educ. Svcs.*
Rich Doyle, *Affiliate: People Places*
Michelle Dedrick, *Affiliate: VSDB*
Jeffrey Aaron, Ph.D., CCCA Fac. Dir.
Jenny Heilborn, disAbility Law Center of Virginia

Jennifer H. Cline, LHRC Member
Mark Seymour, DBHDS/Advocate
Teresa Bouthillier, *Affiliate: Intercept/MHS & IIHS*
Dale Hamann, *Affiliate: Intercept/CRISIS ONE*
Joe Define, *Affiliate: Family Pres. Svcs. Inc.*
Candace Berry, *Affiliate: VHBC & VSS*
Michael Schafer, *Affiliate: DBHDS/VA Juv. Comp. Restoration Svcs*
Joyce Thomas, RN, Western State Hospital
Pam White, CCCA LHRC Liaison

Prospective Candidate for Membership: Sarah Russell

Absent: Deborah Atno-Shelton, Secretary

Deidre Pritt, LHRC Member

Minutes Prepared by: Pamela White, CCCA Liaison

Approved by: 
Jennifer Cline, 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 10/20/14 @ 10:00am.

1. Susan Richardson-Chair called the meeting to order with roundtable introductions of all present and a review of the CCCA LHRC minutes of 04/21/14.

Action: The motion was made and seconded that the CCCA LHRC minutes of 04/21/14 be approved as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

2. **Affiliations: Annual Reports**

Annual Reports were provided by Rich Doyle, *Affiliate: People Places*, Jim Rankin, *Affiliate: NCG, Inc.-Staunton/Harrisonburg*, Teresa Bouthillier, *Affiliate: Intercept/MHS & IIHS*, Lora Cantwell, *Affiliate: Family Educ. Services*, and Nicki Shepard, *Affiliate: Compass Y&F Svcs.*

Action: Motions were made and seconded regarding CCCA LHRC approval of the Annual Reports provided by National Counseling Group, Inc., Intercept, Family Educational Services, and Compass; they were approved as presented.

Affiliations: Requests

Dale Hamann, *Affiliate: Intercept/CRISIS ONE* presented a request to expand the program by providing crisis stabilization services for the counties of Loudoun, Bath, Augusta, and Nelson. Noting the logistical challenges of geographical locations, Mark Seymour-DBHDS/Advocate recommended approval.

Jim Rankin, *Affiliate: NCG, Inc.-Staunton/Harrisonburg* presented a request to add the service for non-residential Crisis Stabilization services to the Harrisonburg office. He added that the expansion was in request to the critical needs of the community. Mr. Seymour recommended approval.

Action: The motions were made and seconded regarding CCCA LHRC approval of the additions to the affiliated programs as requested; the motion passed unanimously.

3. Mark Seymour-DBHDS/Advocate presented the Advocate's Report and began by announcing the July 2014 retirement of Margaret Walsh-DBHDS Office of Human Rights Director. Other staff changes include Jeanette DuVal-DBHDS-Forensic Services who also retired this summer and the appointment of Debra Ferguson, Ph.D. as DBHDS Commissioner. Mr. Seymour reported that the draft version of the human rights regulations continues to move through the approval process. He also reported that while the closure of Northern Virginia Training Center had been postponed a year, others are still on schedule. Family members remain concerned regarding the care of their soon-to-be transitioned loved ones. Mr. Seymour acknowledged retiring CCCA LHRC member Jim Strock, who had served two 3-year terms.

Action: Mr. Seymour expressed appreciation to Mr. Strock for his service, presenting him with an award certificate on behalf of the CCCA LHRC, the DBHDS Office of Human Rights and the State Human Rights Committee. The CCCA LHRC thanked Mr. Seymour for his update.

4. Jeffrey Aaron, Ph.D.-Facility Director presented the Facility Director's Report, stating that the Center had a 20% increase in admissions from the previous year and a 40% increase in the last six months of Fiscal Year 2014 (January-June 2014). He commented that legislative changes have impacted all DBHDS State facilities. Dr. Aaron announced that the Center has planned several building maintenance projects for the summer due to the lower daily census.

Dr. Aaron presented Center Instructions (CIs) 2518 "Animal Assisted Therapy and Activities" and 2411 "Seclusion and Restraint Policy" for review and approval by the CCCA LHRC, noting that the draft "Assisted Therapy and Activities" had been reviewed by the LHRC previously. He announced that "Rondack"—a Bernese Mountain Dog—and his handler Cindy Austin-Activities Therapy have worked their way through training and would be able to begin work at the Center soon. Mr. Seymour commented that Little Keswick has dogs for therapeutic purposes. Dr. Aaron stated that the seclusion and restraint policy had been updated to reflect the usage of the emergency restraint chair (ERC) as an alternative to bed restraints. Dr. Aaron introduced Joyce Thomas, RN of Western State Hospital, where the ERC has been utilized for 7 years. She described it as being much safer and more humane, noting no patient injuries and few staff injuries. Ms. Thomas stated that it was a better tool for assessment and its portability enables it to be rolled where it is needed rather than have to escort or transport a patient to another area. She added that the patient is released immediately when calm. Mr. Seymour stated that although initially the ERC may have been thought to be counter-therapeutic, it is preferable to bed restraints. In response to general inquiries, Dr. Aaron stated that bed restraints were not used on younger patients and that the new beds installed on that unit did not have the bed restraint hardware/brackets. He added that the ERC is one size and has manufacturer's height and weight requirements, restricting its use for smaller patients.

Action: Mr. Seymour recommended approval of the Center's policies. Motions were made and seconded regarding approval of the policies as presented; the motions passed unanimously.

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 the LHRC application of Sarah Russell be considered by the SHRC for appointment.

6. Noting the vacancy of Vice Chair by retiring member Mr. Strock, the CCCA LHRC nominated, passed motions and elected the following slate of officers:
 - Chair: Susan Richardson
 - Vice Chair: Deborah Atno-Shelton
 - Secretary: Jennifer Cline

7. CCCA LHRC having no further business, motions were made and seconded; the meeting was adjourned.