

Commonwealth Center for Children & Adolescents  
Staunton VA  
**LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE**  
10/19/15

Present: Deborah Atno-Shelton, Acting LHRC Chair  
Jennifer H. Cline, Ph.D., LHRC Secretary  
Mark Seymour, DBHDS/OHR Advocate  
Anne Blair, *Affiliate: New Beg. Fam. Couns. Svcs.*  
Kathryn Dickerson, *Affiliate: Liberty Point*  
Kurt Holsopple, *Affiliate: Crossroads Counseling Ctrs.*  
Candace Berry, *Affiliate: VHBC & VSS*  
Brian Martin, *Affiliate: Compass Counseling Svcs.*  
Jenny Heilborn, *disAbility Law Center of Virginia (dLCV)*  
Michelle Dedrick, *Affiliate: VSDB*  
Vickie Coyner, CCCA Acting Fac. Dir.

Sarah Russell, LHRC Member  
Deidre Pritt, LHRC Member  
Jim Rankin, *Affiliate: NCG, Inc.-Staunton/H'burg*  
Lora Cantwell, *Affiliate: Fam. Educ. Svcs.*  
Cedric Moore, Jr., *Affiliate: Spectrum Transformation Group*  
Erin Constable, *Affiliate: Family Pres. Svcs. Inc.*  
Karyn Nicolai, *Affiliate: VHBC & VSS*  
Jenny Taylor-Jones, *Affiliate: Compass Counseling Svcs.*  
Caitlin Newswanger, *disAbility Law Center of Virginia (dLCV)*  
Ben Skowysz, *Affiliate: DBHDS/VA Juv. Comp. Restoration Svcs*  
Pam White, CCCA LHRC Liaison

Absent: Greg Czyszczon, Ph.D., LHRC Member

Guests: James Madison University Students-John Rogers, Fabrice Ndzana

Minutes Prepared by: Pamela White, CCCA Liaison

Approved by: Jennifer Cline  
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. <b>The next regular CCCA LHRC meeting has been scheduled for 01/25/16 @ 10:00am.</b>

- Deborah Atno-Shelton, Acting LHRC Chair called the meeting to order with roundtable introductions of all present and a review of the CCCA LHRC minutes of 07/20/15.

Action: The motion was made by Jennifer Cline, Ph.D.-Member that the CCCA LHRC minutes of 07/20/15 be approved as presented and Sarah Russell-Member seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

**2. Affiliations: Annual Reports**

Candace Berry, *Affiliate: VHBC & VSS*, Anne Blair, *Affiliate: New Beg. Fam. Couns. Svcs.*, Ben Skowysz, *Affiliate: DBHDS/VA Juv. Comp. Restoration Svcs.*, and Cedric Moore, Jr., *Affiliate: Spectrum Transformation Group* each presented the Annual Report for their programs. Kathryn Dickerson, *Affiliate: Liberty Point* requested that the program's Annual Report be presented at the next meeting.

Action: The motion was made by Dr. Cline and seconded by Ms. Russell regarding CCCA LHRC approval of the Annual Reports provided by the providers above; they were approved as presented. The Annual Report for *Liberty Point* was deferred to the next regular meeting.

**Affiliations: Requests**

Erin Constable, *Affiliate: Family Pres. Svcs. Inc.* requested affiliation for an expansion of services for Therapeutic Day Treatment (TDT) programs at Stuarts Draft High School and Wilson Memorial High School.

Action: The motion was made by Chair Atno-Shelton and seconded by Dr. Cline regarding CCCA LHRC approval of the expansion of services; the request was approved as presented.

3. Mark Seymour-DBHDS/OHR Advocate presented the Advocate's Report, beginning with several DBHDS/Central Office announcements. He stated that DBHDS Commissioner Debra Ferguson, Pn.D. had resigned and that DBHDS Medical Director Jack Barber, MD was now the acting Commissioner. Dr. Barber had been the Facility Director at Western State Hospital for several years prior to going to Central Office as DBHDS Medical Director. Cleopatra Booker is the acting Director of the DBHDS Office of Licensure. Mr. Seymour reported that the offices of Human Rights (OHR) and Licensure (OL) met in Charlottesville for investigation training. Additionally, there may be regional geographical changes in both offices which would redefine and simplify coverage provided by these offices. He stated that the current human rights regulations were dated 10/08/14 and that the proposed draft *Rules and Regulations to Assure the Rights of Individuals Receiving Services from Providers Licensed, Funded, or Operated by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS)* will be available for public comment within the coming months. He shared that the new regulations initially included regional human rights committees but now may include local human rights committees. Mr. Seymour also reported that the CHRIS system has undergone several updates and changes, having been developed initially for DBHDS facilities and now expanded to community programs. He commented that there was a backlog of cases to be closed in CHRIS which can only be closed by the Advocate and that additional assistance had been requested in closing out old cases.
4. Vickie Coyner, Acting Facility Director provided the Facility Director's Report by presenting an update on several facility building projects and improvements, including the installation of new secure ceiling tiles in the patient living units. Ms. Coyner stated that HVAC renovations are scheduled for completion by Spring 2016. Installation of a duress system is in progress and will facilitate staff support during emergencies by identifying the area where assistance is needed. The secure playground area, which has exercise equipment, will have its Grand Opening at the end of the week.
5. Chair Atno-Shelton opened the floor for announcements. Jenny Heilborn, *disAbility Law Center of Virginia (dLCV)* commented that the primary role of dCLV was to provide oversight to clients, including special education and monitoring the DBHDS training center closures.
6. Noting the vacancy of Chair, the CCCA LHRC nominated, passed motions and elected the following slate of officers:
  - o Chair: Deborah Atno-Shelton
  - o Vice Chair: Sarah Russell
  - o Secretary: Jennifer Cline, Ph.D.
7. CCCA LHRC having no further business, the motion was made by Dr. Cline and seconded by Deidre Pritt-Member to adjourn; the motion passed unanimously.