

**LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE**

10/20/14

Present: Deborah Atno-Shelton, LHRC Acting Chair  
Mark Seymour, DBHDS/Advocate  
Jim Rankin, *Affiliate: NCG, Inc.-Staunton/H'burg*  
Gretchen Wilhelm, *Affiliate: Compass Y&F Svcs.*  
Dale Hamann, *Affiliate: Intercept/CRISIS ONE*  
Dwayne Martin, *Affiliate: Crossroads Counseling Ctrs.*  
Anne Blair, *Affiliate: New Beg. Fam Couns. Svcs.*  
Jeffrey Aaron, Ph.D., CCCA Fac. Dir.  
Cindy Austin, CCCA Activity Therapy  
Lora Cantwell, *Affiliate: Fam Educ. Svcs.*  
Jenny Heilborn, *disAbility Law Center of Virginia*

Jennifer H. Cline, LHRC Member  
Sarah Russell, LHRC Member  
Heather Belcher, *Affiliate: Intercept Youth Svcs.-Shen. House*  
Nicki Shepard, *Affiliate: Compass Y&F Svcs.*  
Erin Constable, *Affiliate: Family Pres. Svcs. Inc.*  
Lofton Anderson, *Affiliate: Crossroads Counseling Ctrs.*  
Frances Greenstein, *Affiliate: New Beg. Fam. Couns. Svcs.*  
Pam White, CCCA LHRC Liaison  
Rondack, CCCA Therapy Dog

Kati Kitts Dean, *disAbility Law Center of Virginia*

Absent: Susan Richardson, LHRC Chair

Deidre Pritt, LHRC Member

Minutes Prepared by: Pamela White, CCCA Liaison

Approved by:   
Jennifer Cline, Secretary

CURRENT AGENDA	FUTURE AGENDA
4. Call to Order; Review of Minutes	4. Call to Order; Review of Minutes
5. General: Affiliated Programs	5. General: Affiliated Programs
6. Advocate's Report	6. Advocate's Report
4. CCCA Facility Director's Report	5. CCCA Facility Director's Report
6. Adjourn	6. The next regular CCCA LHRC meeting has been scheduled for 01/26/15 @ 10:00am.

- Deborah Atno-Shelton-Acting Chair called the meeting to order with roundtable introductions of all present and a review of the CCCA LHRC minutes of 07/21/14.

Action: The motion was made and seconded that the CCCA LHRC minutes of 07/21/14 be approved as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

- Affiliations: Annual Reports**  
Annual Reports from Virginia Home Based Counseling & Virginia Support Services, Liberty Point, and VA Juvenile Competency & Restoration Services were deferred to the January 2015 meeting. Anne Blair, *Affiliate: New Beginnings Family Counseling Services* presented the program's Annual Report.

Action: Motions were made and seconded regarding CCCA LHRC approval of the Annual Report provided by New Beginnings Family Counseling Services; it was approved as presented.

**Affiliations: Requests**

Dale Hamann, *Affiliate: Intercept/CRISIS ONE* presented a request to expand the program by opening an office in Fishersville, VA to serve the areas of Bath, Augusta, and Alleghany. Noting that the current program was in good standing, Mark Seymour-DBHDS/Advocate recommended approval.

Erin Constable, *Affiliate: Family Preservation Services, Inc.* presented an expansion for services in Augusta County for Therapeutic Day Treatment in Augusta Co. Schools. Mr. Seymour supported the expansion, noting that the affiliate was in good standing.

Jim Rankin, *Affiliate: National Counseling Group, Inc.-Staunton/Harrisonburg* requested an expansion to provide services for Craigsville Elementary. Mr. Seymour recommended approval.

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

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**Affiliations: General**

Heather Belcher, *Affiliate: Intercept Youth Services-Shenandoah House* provided an update, reporting that the program had many renovations planned for interior improvements. Total capacity remains at eight beds.

3. Mark Seymour-DBHDS/Advocate presented the Advocate's Report with the announcement that the DBDHS Office of Human Rights had expanded his region from Region I to include Region II which is Northern Virginia pending the hiring of a new advocate for that region. He stated that Chuck Collins-DBHDS Region I Human Rights Advocate plans to retire February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Regions will continue to be reassigned as vacancies and retirements occur. Deb Lochart was recently named DBHDS State Human Rights Director; also, she had served as 'Acting' during the position vacancy. Mr. Seymour commented that a Statewide budget shortfall had been announced by Governor McAuliffe and State agencies were asked to identify cost savings, including staff layoffs. Likely budget reductions will be a part of the Governor's Budget which will be announced in December 2014. Mr. Seymour shared that of 29,054 emergency contacts made at local community services boards, approximately 33% had evaluations that resulted in TDOs for services which were successfully obtained.
4. Jeffrey Aaron, Ph.D.-Facility Director began the Facility Director's Report introducing Cindy Austin-CCCA Activities Therapy and Rondack-CCCA Therapy Dog. Ms. Austin shared that Rondack was a Bernese Mountain Dog and had been in several positive interventions with kids at the Center. She described several patient care scenarios in which Rondack assisted in de-escalating a patient's behavior.

Dr. Aaron reported that there had been significant spikes in Center admissions for September and October thus far, operating at full or near-full census. Early indications are that admissions may exceed 100 for October. He stated that DBHDS has initiated a bed purchase contract with Poplar Springs Hospital and there have been referrals as a test. Currently, there are limitations for placement in that Poplar Springs does not serve younger children or those with aggressive behaviors. Dr. Aaron provided an update on use of the Emergency Restraint Chair (ERC), relating that staff training for its use is in progress. When use of the ERC is fully implemented, the Center plans to discontinue the use of bed restraints. Jenny Heilborn-disAbility Law Center of Virginia (dLCV) commented that the dCLV objects to the use of the ERC. Dr. Aaron responded that its use at the Center was specific to a younger population and that it is utilized in many behavioral health settings. He reiterated that patient history regarding trauma is critical when considering approaches and interventions.

5. Ms. Atno-Shelton presented the 2015 CCCA LHRC meeting schedule including alternative dates for review and approval.

Action: Motions were made and seconded regarding CCCA LHRC 2015 meeting schedule as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

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