

Commonwealth Center for Children & Adolescents
Staunton VA
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

07/17/2012

Present: Susan Richardson, LHRC Chair
Deborah Atno-Shelton, LHRC Secretary
Joe Tuell, CCCA Facility Director
Laura Ogden, *Affiliate: Spec. Youth Svcs.*
Nancy Armstrong, *Affiliate: VSDB*
JoAnn Shoemaker, *Affiliate: Family Pres. Svcs.*
Gretchen Wilhelm, *Affiliate: Compass Y&F Svcs.*
Candace Berry, *Affiliate: VHBC & VSS*
Erin Haw, VOPA

Jennifer Hatter Cline, LHRC Member
Mark Seymour, DBHDS/Advocate
Pam White, CCCA LHRC Liaison
Jim Rankin, *Affiliate: NCG, Inc.-Staunton/H'burg*
Debbie Clatterbuck, *Affiliate: Fam. Educ. Svcs.*
Wendy Little, *Affiliate: Intercept Youth Svcs.-Shen. House*
Patrick Stiehm, *Affiliate: VHBC & VSS*

Prospective Program(s) for Affiliation:

Patrick Stiehm, *Affiliate: VHBC & VSS-Service Expansion>IIH & MHSS Rockbridge Area*
Dale Hamann, *Intercept/CRISIS ONE- Service Expansion>Mobile Crisis Stabilization Roanoke Area*
Keith King & Kimberli Collett, *Matthews Center-Harrisonburg*

Absent: Jim Strock, LHRC Vice Chair

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 10/16/2012 @ 6:00pm.

- Susan Richardson- Chair called the meeting to order with roundtable introductions of all present and a review of the CCCA LHRC minutes of 04/17/12.

Action: The motion was made and seconded that the CCCA LHRC minutes of 04/17/12 be approved as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

2. Affiliations: Requests

Patrick Stiehm, *Affiliate: VHBC & VSS* requested affiliation in advance for an expansion of services in the Rockbridge Co. area to include the City of Lexington. Mark Seymour-DBHDS Advocate acknowledged the expansion and recommended approval.

Action: Motions were made and seconded regarding CCCA LHRC approval of the expansion of services by VHBC & VSS. The expansion was approved as presented.

Dale Hamann, *Intercept: CRISIS ONE* requested affiliation for an expansion of community-based services in the Roanoke area for mobile crisis stabilization to address psychiatric emergencies. He commented that these services are currently affiliated and provided in the greater Richmond and Chester area. Mr. Seymour recommended approval for this expansion of services.

Action: Motions were made and seconded regarding CCCA LHRC approval of program affiliation for Intercept: CRISIS ONE. The program's request was approved as presented.

Keith King and Kimberli Collett, *Matthew's Center* requested affiliation for services in the Harrisonburg area, noting that they have a temporary affiliation with Prince William CSB LHRC. They presented a brief overview of services provided by programs that are in 15 locations throughout Virginia; they have been in Manassas for approximately 11 years. Services are child and family-focused as the majority of referrals come through the school system.

Action: Motions were made and seconded regarding CCCA LHRC approval of affiliation by Matthew's Center. The program's request was approved as presented.

Affiliations: Annual Reports

Annual Reports were provided by Jim Rankin-Affiliate: *NCG, Inc.-Staunton/H'burg*, Wendy Little for Abby Sorrells-Affiliate: *Intercept Youth Svcs.*, Debbie Clatterbuck-Affiliate: *Fam.Educ. Svcs.*, and Gretchen Wilhelm-Affiliate: *Compass Youth & Family Svcs.*

Action: Motions were made and seconded regarding CCCA LHRC approval of the Annual Reports provided by NCG, Inc., Intercept Youth Services, Family Educ. Services and Compass Youth & Family Services; they were approved as presented.

3. Mark Seymour-DBHDS/Advocate commented positively that from the program information provided in the Annual Reports, the majority of complaints are being handled informally. Mr. Seymour presented the Advocate's Report, noting much family concern regarding the closure of DBHDS training centers and the merging of patients into community programs. These programs are being reviewed by Advocates/Office of Human Rights for the appropriateness of discharge placements for those currently served by the training centers. Mr. Seymour closed his report noting that the State Human Rights Committee has a new slate of members and officers.
4. Joe Tuell-Facility Director presented the Facility Director's Report and fiscal year annual statistics, stating that for FY2012, the Center had 775 admissions served by its 48 operating beds. He attributed the increase to a rise in admissions from the region previously served by Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute and to readmissions in general. He emphasized the while beds were tight for 1-2 days at a time, CCCA staff were vigilant in census management and discharge planning to ensure that space was available. Mr. Tuell reported that the Center's Average Length-of-Stay (LOS) for FY2012 was 17.2. He added that there had been an increase in the admission of patients with autism, which is sometimes problematic for discharge planning and appropriate placement.

Mr. Tuell presented the Center's policy CI 2561 "Advance Directives" noting that changes were primarily updates and that the Center prohibits "Do Not Resuscitate" orders.

Action: Motions were made and seconded regarding CCCA LHRC approval of Center Instruction 2561; approved as presented.