

Local Human Rights Committee

85 Sanger's Lane, Staunton, VA 24401

Chuck Collins, Regional Advocate

Friday April 11, 2014 at 9:00 am

Board Members In Attendance:

Jim Hall, Chair
Pat Gore, Vice Chair
Heidi Campbell
Joan Polzin
Mary Belle Weeks

Board Members Absent:

Barbara Fitch
Kenneth Alger II

Affiliates in Attendance:

Augusta Health Crossroads
Breezy Hill
Community Living Services
DePaul Community Resources
Family Sharing, Inc.

Fidura & Associates
Heart Havens
Valley CSB
Wall Residences

Meeting called to Order

Mr. Jim Hall, Chair

- All present introduced themselves

Appointment of New Committee Members

Mr. Collins, Advocate

- Welcome to Kenneth Alger, Mary Kirby, Joan Polsin, appointed by the SHRC at March 7 meeting at WSH
- Meeting has a quorum

Approval of January 10, 2014 Minutes

- Heidi's name was misspelled
- Minutes approved with correction mentioned

Public Comment

- Jennifer Fidura, VNPP, presented state government updates
 - Caboose budget is approved, fully funding state government until June 30, 2014...do not have a budget for biannual to date, if no budget by June 30, they have no authority to fund government. Will fund state police, National Guard. Believe that they will fund Medicaid Waiver services and some nursing services in Medicaid only facilities at least because they are Medicaid dependent.
 - biggest issue is Medicaid expansion – governor put a 2 year pilot toward Medicaid expansion – dual recommendations offered in the house – expansion would provide health options for those not at poverty level but unable to afford health care in VA. Jennifer will forward the link for secretary to email to the attendees to review bipartisan proposals. Issues adding to the discussion of Medicaid expansion is that federal dollars for indigent pay of medical services in the hospitals (DSH Payments) have been removed. VA is using state general funds for this, however it is state funding now covering what the federal government was.
 - Legislation related to Senator Creigh Deeds tragedy, formerly single family residential (8 beds or fewer) staff were called resident counselor = live in – has been amended to no longer require that the staff live in the home.
 - licensure change – if a provider is placed under provisional license they now have a right to appeal
 - any full license will be granted for either 1 year or 3 years, no longer 6 month licenses or 2 year licenses for MH providers
 - licensure changes effective July 1, 2014

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- new legislation Senate Bill 77 – allows for a non-family member who is willing to be able to claim a dead body in the event that the individual does not have family.

- Chuck Collins – psychiatric admissions spike after the Deeds case. WSH has 28 beds per unit, generally have 26 full beds. Larry Hastings passed, was LHRC member for UVA.
- Pat Grizzel – Dan Jenkins is moving to Waynesboro DePaul Community Resources Residential Program as Branch Director. Pat Grizzel will move to Risk and Compliance manager.

Affiliate Presentations

Augusta Health Crossroads

Laura Pallin

Taken care of about 1000 patients, average daily 12 for geriatric, 38 on general side. Average 5 days length of stay. They have been receiving transfers from all over the commonwealth. Bed registry enacted this year keeps track of available beds in VA. Augusta Health is an acute assessment center. Average 3 admissions/3discharges daily. They involve Chuck Collins in all complaints. General complaints are that patients come in on a voluntary basis but ¼ of patients come in TDO. This then leads to a court cases and involuntary commitment. These are usual complaints. Patients are going to WSH for assessment. Appeal process is available but usually the patient is not on the unit long enough to appeal. Most of the time patients could be committed up to 30 days, but can only be kept on a TDO for 3 days and by then the medications begin to work and are discharged. 0 allegations of abuse/neglect. Patient satisfaction surveys which are given upon discharge are generally 9.1 out of 10. They uphold confidentiality – group discussion ... some concern if this does violate confidentiality. It was determined that the patients are informed that group is voluntary, can request independent counseling. Staff are urged to make confidentiality statements such as everything stays here, don't share what you don't want people to know. Complaints go to Laura first then to Beth Chadwell, then Sylvia fletcher. Chuck Collins is included on all complaints. 7 incidents of assaults, patients to staff. 1 minor peer to peer but no injury and no need to report. Annual training is held in March.

DePaul Community Resources- Outpatient Counseling

No one present from that program. Pat Grizzel will call them and let them know to email secretary there annual report.

Hall Community Services

No one present form that program. Add to next agenda, secretary will send an email to them to appear at the next meeting that will be held in July.

Heart Havens

Served 5 Individuals this past year. No complaints were made in 2013.

Addition of New Locations

All Locations approved by the committee. Chuck will to notify the licensing specialist

Family Sharing

Ms. Jennifer Moore

Sponsored Residential location

Request for additional location:

Millie and Tex Ramsey

413 Grubert Avenue

Staunton, VA 24401

Have been trained and criminal background checks completed.

Approved. Chuck Collins will notify Pam DuBose

VCSB add location

VCSB Sponsored Residential

Request for additional location:

Vickie and Tom Brogan

77 Bears Den Trail

Greenville, VA 24440

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Orientation, accept current trainings that are similar, provide a curriculum of training.

Approved. Chuck Collins will notify Pam DuBose

Wall Residences

Kiana Anastopoulos

Request for additional location:

Ester Hailey
723 Florence Avenue
Waynesboro, 22890

Currently a relief provider for one family and wishing to be a provider of her own.

Approved. Chuck Collins will notify Rhonda Angel

Case Update

Mr. Chuck Collins, Advocate

- Questions?
- CHRIS...questions on CHRIS?
 - Pat Grizzel – she prefers to not attaching the CHRIS printout to the quarterly due to not being able to select one department or facility and if you do it by incident it has all the individuals' information. Chuck Collins asked the secretary to pass the confidentiality issues to Angela – about printing and scanning
- WSH opened for patients November 19th. Still seeing some issues...drainage in showers, cafeteria not fully open for patients, canteen not fully accessible to patients, religious services not accessible. On the whole, thought, is cleaner, brighter, better for the patients.
- New HR regs, draft have been submitted to the state board of the department, they will review and make recommendations then release it to the public, there will be ample opportunity for public comment. Hearings not yet scheduled. Won't see new promulgated regs for about 18 months.
- CLS question about MH supports to ID. Chuck Collins will invite REACH to the July VLHRC meeting. James Van is the director of REACH.
- Thank you all for the support you give the human rights committees.

Closed session

- Family Sharing, Inc.: request to approve restricted treatment plans: approved
- Wall Residences: request to approve restricted treatment plans
- DePaul Community Resources: request to approve restricted treatment plans

DePaul Community Resources, Family Sharing Inc. and Wall Residences all presentations approved.

Closed session adjourned at 11:49 A.M. and open Session reconvened

DePaul Community Resources Outpatient Counseling- Gary Wilburn presented annual report

Next Meeting July 11, 2014

Meeting adjourned at 12:00