

Local Human Rights Committee

85 Sanger's Lane, Staunton, VA 24401

Mark Seymour, Human Rights Advocate

Friday July 10, 2015

Board Members In Attendance:

Jim Hall, Chair
Mary Belle Weeks
Joan Polzin

Board Members Absent:

Heidi Campbell
Kenneth Alger II

Affiliates in Attendance:

RESCARE - Creative Family Solutions
DePaul Community Resources
Family Sharing, Inc.
Breezy Hill
Valley CSB
Fidura & Associates

Wall Residences
The Arc of Augusta
Augusta Health
Hall Community Services
Heart Havens
Blue Ridge Residential

Meeting called to Order

Mr. Jim Hall, Chair

- Mark Seymour introduced himself
- All present introduced themselves

Approval of October 10, 2014 Minutes and January 9, 2015 Minutes

- **Jim Hall motioned for approval of October, January and April minutes with Joan Polzin seconding.**

Public Comment

- Joan Polzin commented that having a law enforcement agent on the committee may not be a good idea since they may not understand somethings that are discussed. Jim Hall and Mark Seymour expressed that maybe someone that is training the police officers to be more aware of people with mental health or ID/DD diagnosis that could take the information learned at the meeting and teach the officers would be a good idea. Doug Desper from Breezy Hill suggested reaching out to the local police academy for someone to serve on the committee.

Affiliate Presentations

- **Breezy Hill:** Doug Desper reported there were no reports of abuse or neglect cases. Doug took this time to share about Breezy Hill and inform the providers about there being no funding for brain injury individuals. Mr. Desper also invited anyone to come by to see Breezy Hill.
- **Blue Ridge Residential:** Catherin St. Ours reported they served 19 individuals in 2014 with zero allegations reported. Catherin also reported that Blue Ridge Residential's largest service area is in Tide Water and Richmond areas.
- **DePaul Community Resources:** Dan Jenkins reported on 4 programs Group home, sponsored residential, day program and outpatient consoling. Dan reported that they served 49 individuals in 2014 in all programs. There were three abuse allegations and one neglect allegation which was a peer to peer in the day program.
- **Fidura & Associates:** Monika Rodriguez, Regional Manager reported that they served seven individuals in 2014. They had one verbal abuse allegation that was founded and one peer to peer that was founded.
- **Hall Community Services:** Athena Hall reported they served six individuals in 2014 with zero allegations. Athena Stated that they only work in the Augusta County area with mental health skill building.

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Addition of New Location

- **Blue Ridge Residential Services: The home is moving to another licensing area.**
 - Moving from Palmyra to 13082 Ormond Dr. Bristow, VA. 20136
- **DePaul Community Resources**
 - Intensive In-Home services in Harrisonburg and Charlottesville
- **Family Sharing**
 - Pam Campbell, 4935 Little Calf Pasture Hwy, Goshen, VA. 24439
- **Valley CSB:**
 - Kitty and Stephen Gayhart, 15 Mallard Rd. Stuarts Draft, VA. 24477
 - Victoria and Gerald Moore, 300 Alpine Rd. Staunton, VA. 24401
- **Wall Residence:**
 - Rhonda Kestner, 400 Whitehall Rd. Staunton, VA. 24401

****All Locations approved by the committee. Mark will notify the licensing specialist**

Mark Seymour – Case Update

- Mark Seymour stated he does not now if or when the LHRC meetings will go to regional meetings instead of local meetings.
- Human Rights Regulations updates: The Human Rights regulations now have an updated date of 2014. Some of the changes are language clarification and code numbers.
- Mark is the Regional advocate for 11 counties and 7 LHRC committees.
- Jim Hall stated that if we are going to regional meetings we should not recruit members for the committee. Mark suggested it could be a long time if the committee's even go regional.

Closed session called to order at 10 am

- **Blue Ridge Residential Services**
- **Family Sharing**
- **The Arc of Augusta**
- **Wall Residences**

All information presented in closed session was reviewed and approved by the committee.

Next Meeting October 9, 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.