

## Local Human Rights Committee

85 Sanger's Lane, Staunton, VA 24401

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Artea Ambrose, Human Rights Advocate

**Friday January 8, 2016**

**Minutes**

**Board Members In Attendance:**

Jim Hall, Chair  
Mary Belle Weeks  
Joan Polzin

**Board Members Absent:**

Heidi Campbell  
Kenneth Alger II

**Affiliates in Attendance:**

Community Living Services  
DePaul Community Resources  
Family Sharing, Inc.  
Valley CSB  
Wall Residences

The Arc of Augusta  
Fidura & Associates  
ResCare/Blue Ridge Residential  
ResCare/Creative Family Solutions

**Meeting called to Order**

Mr. Jim Hall, Chair

- All present introduced themselves
- Artea Ambrose Human Rights Advocate joined the meeting by teleconference. Artea shared that Cassie Purtlebaugh and herself will be covering Region I until another advocate is hired. Artea's contact information is [artea.ambrose@dbhds.virginia.gov](mailto:artea.ambrose@dbhds.virginia.gov) 804-489-8137. Artea stated her information may be added to the Human Rights posters.

**Public Comment**

- Jennifer Fidura presented information on VNPP and the General Assembly. Jennifer stated that we have a full two year budget. This budget is important as it is the only budget the Governor will see through to the end. Jennifer feels Medicaid expansion will not be passed but the rate structure redesign will go through without a hitch. As for slots there are the required slots but no more. The Arc of Augusta will be campaigning for extra slots. Jennifer shared there is not much going on the Mental Health side as everyone is waiting to see what will happen now that Senator Deeds is suing the state.

**Approval of July and October 2015 minutes**

**Affiliate Presentations**

- **Community Living Services:** Stewart Shaffren presented his 2014 report. Community Living Services served 25 individuals in Sponsored Residential and 26 Individuals in Day Program. 1 abuse allegation which was founded and the staff member was terminated. 0 complaint cases.
- **ResCare/Creative Family Solutions:** Tosha Berry presented her 2014 report. Creative Family Solutions served 13 individuals in In-Home services and Sponsored Residential. 0 complaints or allegations for 2014.
- **The Arc of Augusta:** Warren McKeen presented his 2014 report. The Arc of Augusta served 30 Individuals in two day programs. 13 abuse allegations 1 was physical that is not concluded and 12 medication errors. The medication errors consist of a care provider not sending the medication with the individual.
- **Family Sharing Inc.:** Jenny Farrell presented her 2015 report. Family Sharing Inc. served 38 individuals with 0 complaints and 4 abuse allegations which were unfounded.
- **Wall Residences:** Kiana Anastopulous presented her 2015 report. Wall Residences served 49 individuals in Sponsored Residential and In-Home services. There was 1 allegation of neglect which was unfounded and 0 complaint cases.

**\*\*All reports were approved. Mary Belle Weeks motioned for approval and Joan Polzin 2<sup>nd</sup>.\*\***

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**Addition of New Location:**

- **ResCare/Blue Ridge Residential:**  
Barclay Lane: 211 Barclay Lane, Lexington, VA. 24550 licensed for 2 Individuals.  
Eakle Road: 148 Eakle Road, Staunton, VA. 24401 licensed for 1 Individual.

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

**Case Update**

- Local meetings moving to regional meetings: Artea Ambross shared that providers would not need to attend unless they had business such as an annual reports.

**Closed session called to order at 10 am,**

- Community Living Services
- Family Sharing
- Wall Residences

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

**Next Meeting April 8, 2016**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.**