

Local Human Rights Committee

85 Sanger's Lane, Staunton, VA 24401

Artea Ambrose, Human Rights Advocate

Friday January 13, 2017

DRAFT MINUTES

Board Members In Attendance:

Jim Hall, Chair
Mary Belle Weeks
Samantha Robinson

Board Members Absent:

Kenneth Alger II
Joan Polzin
Heidi Campbell

Affiliates in Attendance:

Family Sharing, Inc.
ResCare/Blue Ridge Residential
Wall Residences

ResCare/Creative Family Solutions
Valley Community Services Board

Meeting called to Order

Mr. Jim Hall, Chair

- All present introduced themselves

Approval of October 2016 minutes

- Draft minutes reviewed and approved by the committee

Case Update Artea Ambrose

CHRIS Guidance:

- As a reminder, providers should report any instances of potential abuse, neglect, or exploitation to the human rights advocate, and the authorized representative, no later than 24 hours after receipt of the allegation.
- When reporting, please provide information that is clear, relevant, and thorough. This allows regulators to understand the nature of the incident without needing to request additional information before closing the reports.

Other Comments:

- Providers should ensure service plans capture all medical and behavioral needs as identified in the SIS, Clinical Assessment, or doctors' orders in accordance with 12VAC35-115-60.B.2
- Sound therapeutic practice is not about specific staffing ratios. It supports dignity and continuity of care. Providers are responsible for ensuring adequate training for staff and adequate care for people they admit into their services.
- Annual reports and data forms are due to Angela Harrison by February 1, 2017. The report should cover the time period January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016. This will be your last report submission.

Mail Annual Report & Data Form to: Angela Harrison
Office of Human Rights
Western State Hospital
P.O. Box 2500
Staunton, VA 24402-2500

- The Human Rights Regulations have been signed by the Governor's Office. They have been submitted to the Virginia Register and were published on January 9th for a final 30 day public comment period. Final text can be found at <http://townhall.virginia.gov/l/ViewXML.cfm?textid=11290>
- Training for new regulations is being developed by the Office of the Attorney General for the Office of Human Rights, providers, and committee members. Once we have received information specific to how the training will be conducted, we will notify providers and committee members.
- Consolidation of Harrisonburg/Rockingham LHRC and Rockbridge LHRC into the Valley LHRC – The next step of the LHRC consolidation process will affect this LHRC and its affiliates. When we began this process, we had 22 LHRCs, with a proposal for year 1 collapse into 12 LHRCs, including 4 facility LHRCs that must remain, leaving only 8 community-based LHRCs. Therefore, we will have one more meeting as Valley LHRC (April 14, 2017) before the consolidation. The consolidated committees will be known as the Valley Area LHRC and meetings will be held in Staunton, VA. The first meeting of the

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consolidated committee is scheduled for July 14, 2017 at 9:00am. The time and date are subject to change based on committee member availability. Once the new regulations are made effective, the Department will assume all administrative support to the consolidated committees.

- We certainly invite the current committee members to join us in the merger, and ask that they notify us within 30 days of this meeting of their intentions to remain or resign from the committee. We appreciate their service, and look forward to their contributions to the consolidated committee.

Affiliate Presentations

- **Family Sharing:** Served 37 Individuals during this time. There was one human rights complaint which was founded. The individual was moved from the home and the contract with this home was terminated.
- **Wall Residences:** Served 49 Individuals in both sponsored residential and In-home services. There was five neglect allegations. One peer to peer, two medication errors and two in the other category. All allegations were unfounded.

Notification of New Location:

- **Blue Ridge Residential Services:** Juniper Drive: 1917 Juniper Dr. Culpeper, VA. 22701 licensed for two individuals
- **Family Sharing Inc:** Glenn & Betty Slack, 2208 Davis Rd. Waynesboro, VA. 22980 licensed for one individual
- **Wall Residences:** *Marie Elkins, 1111 Buffalo Gap Hwy., Churchville, VA. 24421 licensed for two individuals
*Greg Floyd, 136 Trinity Point Rd. Swoope, VA. 24479 changing status from group home to sponsor residential. Will be licensed for two beds instead of three.
*Autumn Layman, 3 Dirby Way, Fishersville, VA. 22939 licensed for one individual. Starting services 1/14/17

Artea Ambrose will contact Rhonda Angel with the Office of Licensing, stating that the committee has been notified.

Closed Session called to order at 9:45am

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

Meeting Adjourned at 10:45 am.

****Next Meeting April 14, 2017 9am at Valley CSB, 85 Sangers Lane, Staunton, VA. 24401**