

MEETING MINUTES

October 6, 2008

Members Present: Florence Ferguson, Sandra Mongold, Page Shields

Members Absent: Dick Travis

Others Present: Mark Seymour (HR Advocate), Heather Newland, Kelley Laden (Pleasant View, Inc), John Humphreys (Fair Haven Residential), Christy Collins (CC & Associates), Mary Ellen Chewing (The Arc), Duane Gingerich (Specialized Youth Services), Marcia DuBois (VAIL), Dane Byers (Crossroads Counseling Center), Judy Otto, Crystal Kwolek (CJ Designs), Terri Gibbs (Minnick Education Center), Sabrina Rozzell (Community Member), and Holly Albrite (HRCSB)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm.

Introductions were made by those in attendance

MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes from the July 14, 2008 meeting as mailed was made by Page Shields, seconded by Sandra Mongold, and approved by the committee.

ANNUAL PROGRAM PRESENTATIONS

The Arc/Op Shop – Mary Ellen Chewing presented the annual report noting that the Op Shop currently provides day support services for 26 consumers. All have intellectual disability diagnoses and many have secondary diagnoses as well. Human rights issues that occurred during the past year were reviewed. Several issues involving a single consumer were discussed in more detail with explanation provided regarding follow up with both the consumer and other involved peers.

Pleasant View Inc. – Heather Newland reported that Pleasant View is changing the format of its annual human rights training to one for the entire agency versus individual program trainings. She provided a review of all human rights issue during the past year. She provided additional information related to a staff issue at one program site.

Minnick Education Services – Terri Gibbs reported that they currently serve 12 students in their day treatment program. They moved to a new location within the past year. She reviewed human rights issues for the past year.

Specialized Youth Services – This program was not prepared to present an annual report. The Committee agreed to carry over their report until the next meeting.

CHANGE IN AFFILIATION STATUS

Holly Albrite reported that DePaul Family Services has consolidated their affiliations and will no longer be an affiliate of the HRLHRC. This brings the current number of affiliates to twelve.

ADVOCATE REPORT

Mark Seymour noted that Chuck Collins was not able to attend the meeting because he is participating in an agency conference call with DMHMRSAS Commissioner Reinhard regarding the anticipated state budget cuts.

There have been human rights monitoring visits at several affiliated providers completed by Mr. Seymour and Mr. Collins. All of these reviews went well.

Mark Seymour noted that Congress recently passed a mental health and substance abuse parity bill related to insurance coverage, which is generally considered to be a positive step.

QUESTIONS AND AFFILIATE COMMENTS

It was clarified that both human rights advocates and programs should be notified when there is a human rights concern or allegation.

In response to a question from an committee member, the role of payees for individuals was discussed in general terms.

Mary Ellen Chewning provided the correct capitalization for “The Arc” and “Op Shop”

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 12, 2009 at 2:00 pm at VAIL.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned so that the Committee could meet with a prospective committee member.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Mongold
HRLHRC Secretary

Holly Albrite
HRCSB Liaison/Recording Secretary