

Northwestern Local Human Right Committee

The next scheduled meeting of the Northwestern Local Human Right Committee will be on November 8, 2011 at Winchester Medical Center in Winchester, VA.

MINUTES OF THE JULY 12, 2011 LHRC MEETING

The July 12, 2011 meeting of the Northwestern Local Human Rights Committee was held at Timber Ridge in Winchester, VA.

Members Present: Ms. Jeannie Decker, Chair

Affiliates Present: Chuck Collins & Mark Seymour (Advocates); Cathy Wolfe-Heberle (Blue Ridge Opportunities); Brian Kesner (Community Alternatives of VA); Scott Worley (Creative Family Solutions); Heidi Fields (Family Preservation, Inc.); Clif MacDonald & Sara Harper (Good Life Corporation); Kelly Coffman (Grafton); M. Trice-Dodson (Heart Havens, Inc.); Cassie Phipps & Artea Ambrose (Lutheran Family Services); Carol Lucking (National Counseling Group); Katie Bundrick (NWCSB); Emily Johnson (NOVA Family Services, Inc.); Betsey Anderson & Glenda Anderson (NW Works); Tammie Wittmann & Jonathan Hamilton (Robert E. Rose Memorial); Mickie Duncan & Barbie Sharp (Shen-Paco); Ralph Combs (SVCR); John Lamanna (Timber Ridge School); Lana Hurt (Wall Residences); Mandy Caracofe & Rhonda Foster (Where the Heart Is); and Bill Fuqua (Winchester Medical Center).

Affiliates Absent: A Place to Call Home; Bridging the Gaps; Children's Services of VA; Intensive Supervision; Lord Fairfax House; Winchester Community Mental Health Center.

Others Present: None.

Call To Order: Ms. Decker called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and welcomed everyone. She thanked Timber Ridge for hosting and everyone for coming.

Meeting Minutes:

Public Comments: None.

Comments by LHRC Affiliates or Members:

- Ms. Glenda Anderson from NW Works told the board about their worker fashion show on June 24th. It had a great turnout with over 30 people participating.
- Mr. Combs from Shenandoah Valley Community Residences informed the board that they had purchased a duplex on James Street in Winchester. This duplex contains two two-bedroom apartments. They have already filled one spot and are in the process of filling the second.

- Ms. Phipps from Lutheran Family Services was pleased to announce that they have signed a lease for a new location. She also informed the board that they will be giving away iPads to families with autism. They are currently accepting applications.
- Mr. Lamanna from Timber Ridge announced that they had just had their 15th high school graduation. There were 18 individuals that graduated.
- Ms. Wolfe-Heberle from Blue Ridge Opportunities was pleased to announce that construction is about to start on a new green house. Many local restaurants have shown interest in purchasing these goods.
- Mr. Fuqua from Winchester Medical Center informed the board of their plan to increase to 26 beds within the next 60-90 days.

Advocate Update:

Mr. Collins announced that construction on the new Western State Hospital has been progressing. Construction should be completed in the spring of 2013. He recently attended a conference at Winchester Medical Center which addressed how to deal with psychiatric patients on medical floors. Many thanks went to Ms. Gayle Shanholtz and Mr. Fuqua for a great conference. On June 30th Mr. Collin's gave his self advocacy presentation at NW Works to about 50 clients and staff.

The main issues discussed at this meeting were the new meeting dates, new meeting locations for the upcoming year, and the schedule for annual reports. These topics are outlined below. Each affiliate is required to submit a quarterly report the meetings they are not scheduled to submit their annual report.

November 8th at Winchester Medical Center with NOVA Family Services; NW Works; Lutheran Family Services; Shen-Paco Industries; Shenandoah Valley Community Residences; Wall Residences; and Winchester Medical Center submitting annual reports.

February 7th at Lutheran Family Services with Community Alternatives of VA; Creative Family Solutions; Family Preservation; Grafton; and Northwestern Community Services submitting annual reports.

May 8th at Grafton with Good Life Corporation; Heart Havens; Intensive Supervision; National Counseling Group; Timber Ridge School; and Where the Heart Is submitting annual reports.

August 14th at Timber Ridge with A Place to Call Home; Blue Ridge Opportunities; Bridging the Gaps; Children's Services of VA; Lord Fairfax House; Robert E. Rose Memorial; and Winchester Community Mental Health Center submitting annual reports.

Program Reports: Where the Heart Is announced that they are in the process of opening a new group home in Mt. Jackson. They are looking at opening this home in September. National Counseling Group has received approval to have a TDT summer camp at their site. Lutheran Family Services has acquired the Lamano Agency. This agency will keep the same management structure with only the ownership changing. Ms. Artea Ambrose is the new liaison for Lutheran Family Services. Ms. Carol Lucking is the new liaison and contact person for National Counseling Group. Mr. Jonathan Hamilton is the new liaison for Rose Memorial.

Old Business: Mr. Worley from Creative Family Solution requested permanent affiliation. This was deferred to the next LHRC meeting but they will continue temporary affiliation until this can be voted on. Ms. Anderson from NW Works requested the approval of their revised “Worker Handbook”. This also was deferred until the next LHRC meeting.

New Business: Mr. McDonald from Good Life Corporation requested the use of side rails on a patient’s hospital bed. Good Life Corporation can implement these side rails. NOVA Family Services requested the approval of their revised Program Rules. Voting on both of these issues was deferred to the next LHRC meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:55. The next meeting of the LHRC will be at Winchester Medical Center in Winchester.

Respectfully Submitted by: _____
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Jeannie Decker, Chair

Mark Gleason, LHRC Liaison