

APPALACHIAN COMMUNITY LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

JULY 23, 2014, CONFERENCE ROOM 2, SWVTC

The Appalachian Community Local Human Rights Committee (ACLHRC) met on Wednesday, July 23, 2014.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Helen Rippey
Sandy Yates
Vickey McCarty
Nancy Thurman

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Frank Diamond
Dona Blair

OTHERS PRESENT:

B.J. McKnight, Human Rights Advocate
Larry Smith, Chief of Program Support Services
Tammy Mabe, SWVTC LHRC Liaison
Crystal Vaughan, Administrative Support

I. CALL TO ORDER

Sandy Yates, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

No introductions were needed at the ACLHRC meeting.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were presented at the ACLHRC meeting.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon a motion by Vickey McCarty and a second by Nancy Thurman, the July 23, 2014 Meeting Agenda was unanimously approved by the ACLHRC.

V. APPROVAL OF APRIL 23, 2014 MEETING MINUTES

Upon a motion by Vicky McCarty and a second by Nancy Thurman, the ACLHRC unanimously approved the April 23, 2014 Meeting Minutes with changes.

VI. SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA TRAINING CENTER PROVIDER REPORT

Tammy Mabe, SWVTC LHRC Liaison, presented the SWVTC Provider Quarterly Report of Human Rights Activities for the second quarter (April 1 – June 30, 2014).

Larry Smith, Chief of Program Support Services, presented second quarter abuse/neglect investigations and corrective action plans.

B.J. McKnight, Human Rights Advocate, gave information to help ACLHRC committee members to read and refer to the CHRIS database reports. Tammy Mabe provided reference sheets to help with reference to CHRIS reports with their corresponding 201 numbers.

Ms. McKnight explained the process behind the delay on the ACLHRC's requested CHRIS database report changes.

Suggestion was made that the old reports be created to hand out at meetings in order for a better understanding of the presentation of reports could be attained by members of the ACLHRC. The committee agreed to this suggestion and Ms. McKnight will inform the Regional Advocate and the State Human Rights Director.

B.J. McKnight gave additional information on several CHRIS reports based upon her review and observations.

Motion to accept reports as presented and CHRIS suggestions by Nancy Thurman, Seconded by Vicky McCarty and unanimously approved by the ACLHRC.

VII. LHRC MEMBERSHIP

- **Appalachian Community LHRC Membership Roster.**
No changes to the ACLHRC Membership Roster.
- **Recruitment Update (professional vacancy effective July 1, 2013).**
Previous applicant had to rescind offer to apply. Recruitment back into effect.
- **Election of Officers.**
Vicky McCarty volunteered herself to stay on as secretary and Helen Rippey made the motion that all current officers be nominated to second terms by acclamation pending agreement of Dona Blair to accept the second term.

Motion to approve the reappointment of officers by Nancy Thurman, seconded by Vicky McCarty.

VIII. ADVOCATE'S REPORT

Dr. Debra Ferguson is the new DBHDS commissioner. Since she began in office changes are being implemented. Margaret Walsh is retiring: her last day is July 24, 2014.

Suggested changes from the LHRCs to the CHRIS database are currently in the second sprint. These changes were submitted to Sue Tinsley who prioritized requests prior to sending them to CHRIS IT technicians. We do not have a date as to when the changes

will happen.

Discussion points from the Advocate's Report were: *From the Commissioner's Desk*, Creigh-Deeds Law, Mental Health Reform Committee, new commissioner facility visits, training center discharge coordinator teleconference, and ResCare's Community Alternatives desire to expand to this area.

Next meeting is October 7, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

The ACLHRC did not present any other business.

- X. Nancy Thurman made a motion to adjourn the July 23, 2014 meeting; this was seconded by Helen Rippey and unanimously approved.

Approved:

Sandy Yates, Chairperson