

APPALACHIAN COMMUNITY LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

May 22, 2013, Conference Room 2, SWVTC Building 1

The Appalachian Community Local Human Rights Committee (LHRC) met on Wednesday, May 22, 2013. This meeting was rescheduled from April 24, 2013.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sandy Yates, Chair
Vickey McCarty
Judy Padgett, Secretary
Nancy Thurman
Frank Diamond

OTHERS PRESENT:

B. J. Sharp, Community Services Director
Deborah Lowe, Administrative Support
B. J. McKnight, Human Rights Advocate
Kelly Williams, Security Officer
Dennis Shrewsberry, SWVTC Director

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dona Blair, Vice-Chair

- I. Sandy Yates, Chairperson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
- II. Introductions
- III. Public Comment - none
- IV. Approval of Agenda
 - Motion to approve agenda: Nancy Thurman; seconded by Frank Diamond; motion carried with all in favor; agenda stands approved.
- V. Approval of January 23, 2013 Meeting Minutes
 - Motion to approve minutes of January 23, 2013 meeting: Frank Diamond; seconded by Judy Padgett; motion carried with all in favor; minutes stand approved.
- VI. Southwestern Virginia Training Center (SWVTC) Report
 - SWVTC Discharge Process Implementation – Priscilla Mays, Discharge Coordinator - B. J. Sharp gave the following report on Discharge Implementation for Priscilla who could not attend:

As of this date, there have been 14 discharges for this current fiscal year. The 15th individual is scheduled to be discharged mid-June. Of the 14 individuals who have been discharged, 2 of those individuals have returned. Issues being inadequate supports (in general) and lack of behavioral supports. There is a tremendous need for extensive behavioral supports (Behavior Support Specialists, Psychiatrists, Psychologists, etc.) in the SWVA area.

For the upcoming 2013-2014 transition year, there are currently 12 individuals we are working with to move during the first quarter. Most of those individuals we have been working with during this current transition year; however, due to lack of supports available or issues relating to specific transitions those individuals have been delayed in moving forward. There are 15 additional individuals that have been identified to begin their process during this upcoming first quarter; however, family/individual commitment to move forward has not been obtained. The Community Services Workers, CSBs and Central Office are working with those families to determine when they will be ready to proceed. The number of individuals that we have been assigned to transition is 20 for this upcoming year. The current list of individuals is high. There were several individuals identified with the understanding that not all of those identified would move this upcoming year. Various factors determine the actual movement forward with transition. This high identified number of individuals help to ensure that, as a facility, we meet the goal of 20.

A transitions team has been developed to include, in addition to the Discharge Coordinator and the Community Integration Manager, a Post-Move Monitor, Transition Services Coordinator, and Program Support Technician. Those individuals will have specific duties in the process to ensure that all areas of essential (and non-essential) supports are identified, well documented, obtained and followed through to completion. This team is in its infancy, but we hope that this will help the process move more smoothly and efficiently. We hope to have a Community Services Worker added to the team as well.

- SWVTC Quarterly Report (January – March, 2013) – Tammy Mabe, SWVTC LHRC Liaison, and Larry Smith, Chief of Program Support Services – Tammy Mabe presented the report with the assistance of Kelly Williams, Security Officer standing in for Larry Smith who could not attend.
- Corrective Action Plan Updates (2012-024, 2012-032) – Larry Smith, Chief of Program Support Services – Larry could not attend the meeting. The Committee recommended deferring the reports until the next meeting of the AC-LHRC.
- Vickey McCarty made a motion to accept the reports with the deferral of Corrective Action Plan Updates for 2012-024 and 2012-032 to the next meeting. Nancy Thurman seconded that motion and the motion carried with all approved.

VII. LHRC Membership

- Certificate of Recognition - Judy Padgett
 - i. Facility Director, Dennis Shrewsberry, presented Judy Padgett with a certificate of appreciation recognizing her for her service and contributions to the LHRC during the two terms she has been a member.
- Appalachian Community LHRC Membership Roster – B. J. McKnight asked that everyone review for changes; everyone agreed that it was correct as is.
- Application for Reappointment (Nancy Thurman)
 - i. Vickey McCarty made a motion for reappointment by the State Human Rights Committee; Frank Diamond seconded the motion, which carried with all approved.
- Recruitment (vacancy pending July 1, 2013) – the Committee discussed but no decision was reached. This vacancy is not a mandated member. Will continue to place on agenda.

VIII. Advocate's Report and Updates

- Dr. Woods, SWVTC former Director, is contracted to work on a project for the Commissioner to set up a regional RCSC in the community. B. J. McKnight asked that LHRC Members e-mail Dr. Woods with any input they may have.
- Comprehensive Human Rights Information System (CHRIS) is the web-based database. June 1st will begin the rollout of expansion to community providers. All providers or organizations operated, licensed, or funded by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services will enter deaths, serious injuries, allegations of abuse/neglect, etc. into this statewide system. All privacy protections will be used and HIPAA clearance must be in place in order to view the information in the database.
- Human Rights Regulations are under revision. B. J. asked that Committee Members e-mail Margaret Walsh whose address is margaret.walsh@dbhds.virginia.gov if they would like to be a part of the focus group. This group will meet in Richmond on June 12 to hear input from consumers and family members. On June 26-27th the Office of Human Rights will meet to begin review of the Human Rights Regulations for revision. The goal is for a draft to be completed by August.
- In the new CHRIS database, providers will report some medication errors under serious events. Some will be entered under abuse/neglect as appropriate.

IX. Other Business - none

- X. Judy Padgett made a motion to adjourn the May 22, 2013, meeting of the AC-LHRC. Vickey McCarty seconded that motion, which carried unanimously.