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APPALACHIAN COMMUNITY LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

July 25, 2012

The Appalachian Community Local Human Rights Committee (LHRC) met on Wednesday, July 25, 2012.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sandy Yates, Chair
Nancy Thurman
Dona Blair, RN, Vice Chair
Frank Diamond
Judy Padgett, Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

Tammy Mabe, SWVTC Liaison
Dr. Mark Witherspoon, Clinical
Psychologist
Deborah Lowe, Executive Secretary Senior
B. J. McKnight, Human Rights Advocate
Priscilla Mays, Community Services
Worker

- I. Sandy Yates, Chair, welcomed everyone and called meeting to order at approximately 2:00 p.m.
- II. Approval of Agenda
 - Frank Diamond made a motion that agenda for the July 25, 2012, meeting of the LHRC be approved as presented. Motion was seconded by Nancy Thurman and all approved
- III. Nancy Thurman made a motion for approval of May 23, 2012 Meeting Minutes. Judy Padgett seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- IV. Public Comment, none.
- V. Southwestern Virginia Training Center Reports
 - SWVTC Quarterly Report (April – June, 2012) – Tammy Mabe, Acting Director of Quality Improvement and Risk Management, reported human rights complaints and Larry Smith, Chief of Program Support Services, reported the abuse/neglect investigations. Tammy will provide an update at the next LHRC meeting on restructuring of client services records that resulted from an investigation.
 - SWVTC Instruction 375, Guidelines for Locked RLU (Revised June 7, 2012) – Larry Smith, Chief of Program Support Services presented changes for LHRC review.
 - Response to LHRC on recommendation to change video monitoring sign at the entrance to the facility to “Video Monitoring in Some Areas” – Tammy Mabe, Facility Liaison, was happy to report that sign at entrance has been changed to the LHRC’s specifications.

- SWVTC Discharge Planning Process – Priscilla Mays, Discharge Coordinator, shared information regarding the discharge process from training conducted at the Center this week by Jae Benz with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, including goals for SWVTC Census Reduction Plan from now until the Center’s planned closing in June 2018. Priscilla reported that the Center is currently actively working on 7 individuals in the 12-week process and should have 10 individuals discharged by the end of 2012. Priscilla will provide updates as the process unfolds and encouraged LHRC to call her if questions. Priscilla announced that there will be a Provider Fair held here on September 12 from 10am to 4pm.

Nancy Thurman made a motion to accept the quarterly reports and to approve and accept proposed changes to SWVTC Instruction 375. Frank Diamond seconded the motion and all approved.

VI. Membership Report

- Membership Recruitment (professional interest vacancy, family member of consumer vacancy) – Human Rights Advocate encouraged LHRC members to become actively involved in membership recruitment in order to fill vacancies.
- LHRC Membership Roster was made available and no changes were needed.

VII. Advocate’s Report – B. J. McKnight, Human Rights Advocate:

- Advocate reports the LHRC’s membership status to the State Human Rights Committee
- The Office of Human Rights in Richmond has a new position - Human Rights Manager of Intellectual Disabilities, Deb Lockhart. Her responsibilities will include post-move monitoring.
- Other positions involved with the discharge process are:
 - i. Office of Licensing Specialists – Cristina Dye handles Planning Districts 1, 2, and 3 for ID, MI, and Substance Abuse.
 - ii. Licensing Consultants – Karen Poe and Wanda Earp
 - iii. Community Integration Manager – Michele Laird
- Advocate provided an update on START program, the state’s emergency crisis stabilization. The program is licensed and operational although not yet 24/7. The program has purchased a respite home that is under renovation. The New River Valley (NRV) CSB will be the administrative sponsor agency for START in the NRV area and the NRV-LHRC will provide human rights oversight. They are waiting for a residential license to be granted for the respite home, which should happen around mid-September or at the latest October.

- Newly hired is Family Resource Consultant, Betty Vines.
- The licensing database with citations and plans of correction is available to the public online at the following link: www.dbhds.virginia.gov/OL-default.htm

VIII. Other Business, none.

IX. Adjourn

- Nancy Thurman made a motion that the meeting be adjourned and Frank Diamond seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the LHRC is scheduled for September 26, 2012.

Respectfully submitted:

Deborah Lowe, SWVTC Executive Secretary Senior

Approved:

Sandy Yates, LHRC Chairperson