

**Southwest Local Human Rights Committee
Minutes
June 15, 2011
Oxbow Center, St. Paul, VA
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

The Southwest Regional Human Rights Committee convened on Wednesday, June 15, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at the Oxbow Center in St. Paul, Virginia.

Committee Members Present: Charles Stapleton, Chair
Margaret Schenck
Barbara Compton
Jean Hankins
Ada Stacy

Committee Members Absent: Tracy Mullins
April Short

Others Present:

Deborah Jones	DBHDS Office of Human Rights
Nan Neese	DBHDS Office of Human Rights
Sharon O’Keefe-Hicks	Creative Family Solutions
Jewelee Haynes	Cross Roads Point
Sherry Dye	DePaul Community Resources
Rebecca Scott	Dickenson County Behavioral Health
Rod McMurray	Family Preservation Services, Inc.
Lorie Horton	Highlands Community Services
Beth Young	Highlands Community Services
Nita Witt	PD-1 Behavioral Health/Frontier Health
Sondra Rhoton	Mountain Connections, Inc.
Alfred Eichler	New Beginnings SWVA, Inc.
Kim Smith	Rachel’s Haven
Alma Wallace	RCMC/Clearview

I. Welcome and Introductions

Charles Stapleton welcomed the Committee and Affiliates. Introductions were made.

A plaque was presented to Mr. Stapleton in appreciation for his service on the Committee. Mr. Stapleton’s term with the Committee will expire June 30, 2011. The Committee expressed their appreciation for his many years of participation.

II. Call to Order

Charles Stapleton, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

III. Approval of the Minutes

Motion was made by Margaret Schenck to approve the minutes of April 20, 2011 as distributed. Due to lack of a second, Mr. Stapleton called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. Training for New Committee Members

Human Rights Advocates Deborah Jones and Nan Neese gave a brief overview of the training that had been provided to the newly appointed members of the Southwest Local Human Rights Committee prior to the meeting.

V. Committee Members Applications

The Committee noted with Mr. Stapleton's term ending this month, the Committee would have a new vacancy. Motion was made by Ms. Schenck and seconded by Jean Hankins directing Ms. Jones to submit Mary Coppedge's application for Committee membership to the State Human Rights Committee for their next scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

VI. Advocate Reports

Ms. Neese and Ms. Jones thanked the Members and Providers who participated in the training conducted prior to this meeting. Ms. Neese notified the Committee regarding the State Committee's review of Southwest Local Human Rights Committee's proposed By-Laws and Cooperative Agreement.

VII. Annual Program Reports

Cross Roads Point, Inc.:

Jewele Haynes provided the 2010 Annual Report to the Committee. Motion was made by Ms. Schenck and seconded by Ada Stacy to accept the report as submitted. Motion carried.

Family Preservations Services, Inc.:

Rod McMurray provided the 2010 Annual Report to the Committee. Motion was made by Ms. Schenck and seconded by Ms. Stacy to accept the report as submitted. Motion carried.

Highlands Community Services:

Lorie Horton provided the 2010 Annual Report to the Committee. Motion was made by Ms. Schenck and seconded by Ms. Stacy to accept the report as submitted. Motion carried.

Rachel's Haven:

Kim Smith provided the 2010 Annual Report to the Committee. Motion was made Ms. Schenck and seconded by Ms. Hankins to accept the report as submitted. Motion carried.

VIII. Provider Updates

Highlands Community Services:

Ms. Horton notified the Committee that HCS Children's Sponsor Home Service had received a citation from the Office of Licensing for consumer neglect. No motion was deemed necessary.

IX. Receipt of Notice of New Locations or Services

Family Preservations Services, Inc.:

Mr. McMurray requested approval from the Committee to extend Family Preservation Services' affiliation to include the provision of Children's Therapeutic Day Treatment at Nita Bond Head Start, Appalachia Head Start, Coeburn High School, Wise County Head Start and Sugar Grove Combine School. Motion was made by Ms. Schenck and seconded Ms. Hankins to approve the request to extend the affiliation to include the above. Motion carried.

Highlands Community Services:

Ms. Horton requested approval from the Committee, to extend Highlands Community Services' affiliation to include the provision of Therapeutic Day Treatment services at Rhea Valley Elementary School and a new Sponsor Home Services for Children location, the Hoss Home. In addition, Ms. Horton provided the Committee notice of the closing of the Venable Children's Sponsor Home. Motion was made by Ms. Schenck and seconded by Ms. Stacy to approve the affiliation modifications as presented. Motion carried.

X. Roster Update

Ms. Horton announced that she and Beth Young are in the process of updating the rosters for both the Affiliates and Members. They requested to be notified of any changes.

XI. Other Business

Mr. Stapleton opened the floor for nominations for the offices of Chair, Co-Chair and Secretary. Motion was made by Ms. Stacy and seconded by Ms. Schenck nominating Ms. Schenck for Chair, Tracy Mullins as Co-Chair and Ms. Hankins as Secretary. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2011 at the Oxbow Center in St. Paul, Virginia.

XII. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Stapleton adjourned the meeting at 3:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lorie Horton
Staff Liaison

Charles Stapleton
Committee Chair