Southwest Local Human Rights Committee Minutes

February 15, 2012 Cumberland Mountain Community Services, Cedar Bluff VA 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

The Southwest Local Human Rights Committee met on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at Cumberland Mountain Home in Cedar Bluff, Virginia.

Committee Members Present: Tracy Mullins, Chair

Mary Coppedge, Co-Chair Jean Hankins, Secretary

Ada Stacy

Committee Members Absent: Barbara Compton

April Short

Others Present: Nan Neese Regional Human Rights Advocate

Greg Bailey Clearview / Russell Co. Medical Center Joan Batcha Clearview / Russell Co. Medical Center

Jewele Haynes Cross Roads Point

Franklin Horton Cumberland Mountain CSB

Brittney Turner Dickenson County Behavioral Health

Rod McMurray Family Preservation Services
Lorie Horton Highlands Community Services
Beth Young Highlands Community Services
John Counts Highlands Community Services

Amanda LaPointe Infinite Potential Supportive Services
Heather Murphy Infinite Potential Supportive Services

Eddie Harrison New Beginnings

Sharon Taylor PD1 BHS / Frontier Health Carlos Wade R&S Helping Hands, Inc.

Glenda Pollard VA Baptist Children's Home/Hope Tree

I. Welcome and Introductions

Tracy Mullins, Co-Chair, welcomed the attendants and introductions were made.

Election of Offices

As the former Chair, Margaret Schenck, has moved out of the area, a new slate of officers was elected: Tracy Mullins will serve as the Chair, Mary Coppedge as Vice-Chair and Jean Hankins to continue serving as Secretary for the Southwest Local Human Rights Committee.

II. Call to Order

Tracy Mullins, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m.

III. Approval of the Minutes

Motion was made by Ada Stacy and seconded by Jean Hankins to approve the minutes of October 19, 2011 as presented. Motion carried.

IV. Advocate Reports

Nan Neese, Regional Human Rights Advocate, announced that Mr. Dwayne Lynch was on board and completing orientation to serve as the Human Rights Advocate for the Roanoke and Alleghany Valleys of this Region. My Lynch's office will be located within Catawba Hospital. Ms. Neese also shared with the Members and Providers that information about the Department of Justice settlement could be found on the Department's website. The newest State Human Rights Committee newsletter, Human Writes, was distributed to the Members and Providers were invited to see the newsletters at www.dbhds.virginia.gov. Ms. Neese briefly reviewed a few areas on the new reporting forms that seemed to cause some confusion.

V. Affiliate Quarterly Reports

The third and fourth quarter reports from the following affiliates were reviewed by the Committee: Cross Roads Point; Cumberland Mountain Community Services; Dickenson County Behavioral Health Services; Frontier Health / PD1 Behavioral Health Services; Infinite Potential Supportive Services; Highlands Community Services; Rachel's Haven; Virginia Baptist Children's Home and Family Services / Hope Tree.

Motion was made by Ms. Stacy and seconded by Mary Coppedge to accept the quarterly reports as submitted, with the exception of the report from Rachel's Haven. Due to the absence of Rachel's Haven at this meeting, it was the consensus of the Committee that Rachel's Haven present their report at its next meeting. Motion carried.

VI. Annual Program Reports

R&S Helping Hands

At its December 14, 2011 meeting, Carlos Wade presented the 2010 Annual Human Rights Report for R&S Helping Hands to the Committee. Motion was made by Ms. Stacy and seconded by Ms. Hankins to accept R&S Helping Hands' 2010 Annual Report as presented. Motion carried.

PD1 Behavioral Health Services / Frontier Health

Sharon Taylor presented the 2011 Annual Human Rights Report for Planning District One Behavioral Health Services / Frontier Health to the Committee.

Highlands Community Services

Lorie Horton presented the 2011 Annual Human Rights Report for Highlands Community Services to the Committee.

Motion was made by Ms. Hankins and seconded by Ms. Mullins to accept the above 2011 Annual Reports as submitted. Motion carried.

VII. Provider Updates

PD1/Frontier Health

Sharon Taylor, PD1/Frontier Health, had previously reported to the Committee of changes in the PD1/Frontier Health behavior management procedures for group homes and day treatment services in response to their agency no longer utilizing restraint. Due to recent changes in the licensing regulations, Ms. Taylor stated that these procedures are in the revision process and will have a draft prepared for the Committee at its meeting in April.

VIII. Receipt of Notices

PD1/Frontier Health

At its sub-committee meeting in December, the Committee noted their receipt of written notice by PD1 Behavioral Health Services / Frontier Health of their request to extend its affiliation to include Sponsored Residential Home Services located at the home of Teresa Griffin, 445 Bellevue Road, Jonesville, Virginia.

Highlands Community Services

At its sub-committee meeting in December, the Committee noted their receipt of written notices by Highlands Community Services of the requests to extend its affiliation to include the location addition of Outpatient Services to be provided at the Southwest Virginia Regional Jail Authority, located at 15205 Joe Derting Drive in Abingdon, Virginia, and the addition of the Cozzolino Children's Sponsored Residential Home, located at 275 Melrose Street in Abingdon, Virginia.

The Committee also recognized their receipt of HCS' request to extend its affiliation to include the addition of the Amy Looney ID Sponsored Residential Home, located at 218 Lauren Drive in Abingdon, Virginia. Lorie Horton announced that HCS' Interchange Program has moved to a different location that offers more space for classrooms, as well as a gym and playground for the children. The program moved to two adjacent buildings located at 80 Terrace Drive and 2702 Lee Highway in Bristol, Virginia.

Family Preservation Services

The Committee noted their receipt of written notice by Family Preservation Services of their request to extend its affiliation to include the addition of a Therapeutic Day Treatment site at Mountain Cap Head Start Program in Marion, Virginia.

Motion was made by Ms. Stacy and seconded by Ms. Hankins to extend its affiliation to include the additional service locations as requested by Highlands Community Services and Family Preservation Services. Motion carried.

As a couple of these requests were brought to the sub-committee's attention at its meeting on December 14, 2011, a motion was made by Ms. Hankins and seconded by Ms. Mullins to extend its affiliation to include the new services request by PD1 / Frontier Health and additional service location requests by Highlands Community Services. Motion carried.

IX. Other Business

Ms. Neese made the announcement that Holston Home is now affiliated solely with the Mount Rogers Local Human Rights Committee. Motion was made by Ms. Stacy and seconded by Ms. Coppedge to conclude Holston Home's affiliation with the Southwest Local Human Rights Committee. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at the Oxbow Center in St. Paul, Virginia.

Χ.	Adi	iourn	ment

There being no further business, Ms. Mullins adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,		
Lorie Horton		_
Administrative Liaison	, Committee Chair	