

**Southwest Regional Human Rights Committee  
Minutes  
June 17, 2009  
St Paul, VA Oxbow Center  
2:00-4:30 p.m.**

The Southwest Regional Human Rights Committee met on Wednesday, June 17, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at the Oxbow Center, St. Paul Virginia.

**Committee Members Present:** Elvera McLees,  
Margaret Schenck  
Tracy Mullins  
Charles Stapleton

**Committee Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Franklin Horton, Cumberland Mt. CSB  
Carlos Wade, R&S Helping Hands  
Thelma Bond, R&S Helping Hands  
Jewel Haynes, Cross Roads Point  
Teresa Vanover, Cross Roads Point  
Nan Neese, DMHMRSAS Regional Advocate  
Alfred Eichler, New Beginnings  
Wendy Umbarger, Pressley Ridge  
Kimberly Hall, Pressley Ridge  
Rod McMurray, Family Preservation Services Inc.  
Diane Wilson, Holston Family Services  
Teenia Burke, Rachel's Haven  
Lorie Horton, Highlands Community Services  
Sharon Taylor, Frontier Health-PD1

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

Dr. McLees welcomed the Committee and Affiliates. Introductions were made.

**II. Call to Order**

The Chair, Dr. McLees called the meeting to order.

Sharon Taylor, PD1-Frontier Health and Rod McMurray, Family Preservation Services both announced they were aware of individuals who may apply for membership with the Committee.

Jewel Hayes, Cross Roads Point asked to add a request to extend their affiliation to a new location to the agenda. The Committee granted her request.

**III. Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes of May 20, 2009 were approved as presented.

IV. **Advocate's Report:**

Ms. Neese provided the Committee with the following updates:

- **Name Change for the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse** - The Virginia Department of Mental Health Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services has officially changed its name to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS).
- **Human Rights Annual Reporting and Form** – Affiliates are reminded to sign up to present their 2008 Annual Reports to the Committee. Ms Neese did not receive any feedback on the proposed Annual Human Rights Reporting form. She will place the document on the web site. The form becomes effective 1/1/2010.

V. **Receipt of Notice of New Locations or Services**

- Sharon Taylor requested the Committee's approval to extend PD1-Frontier Health's affiliation to include Intensive Outpatient Services. She distributed copies of the Program Description and Program Rules. Motion was made by Margaret Schenck and seconded by Tracy Mullins to extend affiliation to the new services and to approve the Program Rules with the recommended correction to item 10. Motion carried.
- Jewel Hayes, requested the Committee's approval to extend Cross Road Point's affiliation to include a new location – Buckingham House. This will be the fourth home operated by Cross Roads Point. Ms. Hayes distributed a written request and Program Rules. Motion was made by Ms. Schenck and seconded by Ms. Mullins to extend affiliation to the above location. Motion carried.
- Rod McMurray requested the Committee's approval to extend Family Preservation's affiliation to include locations at Sandlick Elementary, Yuma Elementary, Elydale Elementary, Stickleyville Elementary, and Fort Blackmore Elementary. Motion was made by Ms. Mullins and second by Charles Stapleton to extend the affiliation to include the above location. Motion carried.

VI. **Annual Human Rights Report**

The following Affiliates submitted their annual reports for calendar year 2008:

- **Family Preservation** –Mr. McMurray reviewed the report with the Committee. Motion was made by Mr. Stapleton and seconded by Ms. Mullins to accept the report as submitted. Motion carried.
- **R&S Helping Hands**-Carlos Wade presented the report to the Committee. Motion was made by Ms. Schenck that the Southwest Regional Human Right Committee go into closed session pursuant to VA Code §2.2-3711.A (4) and (15) for the purpose of protecting the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business and the discussion of medical and mental records, namely to review the 2008 Annual Human Rights Report by R&S Helping Hands. Motion carried.

Following the discussion motion was made by Ms. Schenck that the Southwest Virginia Regional Human Rights Committee reconvenes into public session. Motion carried.

Each member then certify that to the best of their knowledge only matters lawfully exempted from open meetings requirements were heard, discussed, or considered. Motion was made by Ms. Schenck and seconded by Ms. Mullins to accept the above report as presented. Motion carried.

**VII. Other Business**

The next meeting will be August 19, 2009 at R&S Helping Hands, Coeburn, VA.

**VIII. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Dr. McLees adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lorie Horton,  
Staff Liaison

Dr. Elvera McLees  
Committee Chairperson

DRAFT