

**Southwest Local Human Rights Committee
Minutes
February 20, 2013
Russell County Public Library, Lebanon, Virginia
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

The Southwest Local Human Rights Committee met on Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at the Russell County Public Library in Lebanon, Virginia.

Committee Members Present: Mary Coppedge, Vice Chair
Sam Dillon
Ada Stacy

Committee Members Absent: Tracy Mullins, Chair
Jean Hankins, Secretary

Others Present:

Nan Neese	Regional Human Rights Advocate
Greg Bailey	Clearview / Russell Co. Medical Center
Christie AbdelMessih	Clearview / Russell Co. Medical Center
Heather Creasy	Creative Family Solutions
Scott Worley	Creative Family Solutions
Jewelee Haynes	Cross Roads Point
Franklin Horton	Cumberland Mountain Community Services
Brittney Turner	Dickenson County Community Services
Brian Steffey	Dickenson Co Hospital/Senior Life Solutions
Rodney McMurray	Family Preservation Services, Inc.
Clayton Dickey	Family Preservation Services, Inc.
Sharon Taylor	Frontier Health – PD1 BHS
Debbie Henninger	Frontier Health – Sunhouse
John Counts	Highlands Community Services
Beth Young	Highlands Community Services
Heather Murphy	Infinite Potential Supportive Services
Charles Murphy	Infinite Potential Supportive Services
Sondra Rhoton	Mountain Connections, Inc.
Carlos Wade	R&S Helping Hands
Joe Scardo	Citizen

I. Welcome and Introductions

Mary Coppedge, Vice Chair, welcomed the attendants and introductions were made.

II. Call to Order

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

III. Public Comment Period

There were no public comments at this meeting.

IV. Approval of the Minutes

Motion was made by Ada Stacy and seconded by Sam Dillon to approve the minutes of December 5, 2012 as submitted. Motion carried.

V. Adopt Agenda

Motion was made by Ms. Stacy and seconded by Mr. Dillon to adopt the meeting agenda with the following revisions: remove Rachel's Haven from Annual Report Presentations and add Notification of Changes in Recovery Department and Addition of Sponsored Residential Home Location by Highlands Community Services and Expansion of Therapeutic Day Treatment Program by Family Preservation Services in Requests for Affiliation. Motion carried.

VI. Advocate's Report

Nan Neese, Regional Human Rights Advocate, gave an overview of the plans to implement the new and improved automated database known as CHRIS (Comprehensive Human Rights Information System). She reviewed the proposed time table for the various licensed services to begin reporting via CHRIS. Ms. Neese also discussed with the Committee and affiliates the Office of Human Rights' efforts and goals to establish more consistency in reviews about Freedoms. She recommended that all services look at what freedoms they may be restricting and review their own procedures for implementing restrictions of rights and freedoms. She indicated that the OHR hopes to offer written guidance in the near future. Ms. Neese reminded providers about the importance of assessing the need for surrogate decision makers where necessary and making certain that records include documentation about the individuals' designated Authorized Representatives. As always, Ms. Neese advocated the recruitment of consumer representation for the Committee's vacancies.

VII. Affiliate Quarterly Reports

Fourth quarter 2012 reports were reviewed by the Committee. Motion was made by Mr. Dillon and seconded by Ms. Stacy to accept the quarterly reports as submitted with the exception of reports from Clinch Valley Treatment Center, DePaul Community Resources, Hope Tree Family Services – Virginia Baptist Home and Rachel's Haven, which will be reviewed at the next Committee meeting due to lack of provider representation at this meeting. Motion carried.

VIII. Annual Program Reports

A. Cross Roads Point

Jeweale Haynes presented the 2012 Annual Human Rights Report for Cross Roads Point to the Committee.

B. Frontier Health / PD1 Behavioral Health Services

Sharon Taylor presented the 2012 Annual Human Rights Report for Frontier Health / PD1 Behavioral Health Services to the Committee.

C. Highlands Community Services

John Counts presented the 2012 Annual Human Rights Report for Highlands Community Services to the Committee.

Motion was made by Mr. Dillon and seconded by Ms. Stacy to accept the above 2012 Annual Reports as submitted. Motion carried.

IX. Provider Updates

A. Family Preservation Services

Rod McMurray shared with the Committee Family Preservation Services' Behavior Intervention Policy and Procedures. Clayton Dickey provided the Committee a brief overview and demonstration of Safety Care, which is a therapeutic option for providing strategies to avoid crisis situations.

Upon review and comment by the Committee, motion was made by Mr. Dillon and seconded by Ms. Stacy to accept Family Preservation Services' Behavioral Intervention Policy as submitted. Motion carried.

X. Requests for Affiliation

A. Cumberland Mountain Community Services

The Committee noted receipt of written requests from Cumberland Mountain Community Services to extend its affiliation to include additional Substance Abuse Outpatient Program locations at the following: Appalachian Detention Center, District 17 Adult Probation / Parole offices in Abingdon and Marion, District 43 Adult Probation / Parole offices in Cedar Bluff and Grundy, Southwest Virginia Regional Jail in Abingdon and the Bristol Housing Authority located at 809 Edmond Street in Bristol Virginia.

Motion was made by Mr. Dillon and seconded by Ms. Stacy to extend affiliation to include the above Substance Abuse Outpatient Program locations as requested by Cumberland Mountain Community Services. Motion carried.

B. Highlands Community Services

The Committee noted receipt of a written request from Highlands Community Services to extend its affiliation to include the addition of a service location to provide Outpatient Consultation Services at Johnston Memorial Hospital, located at 16000 Memorial Drive in Abingdon, Virginia.

The Committee received at this meeting a written notification of changes that have been made in Highlands Community Services' Recovery Department. The Crisis Stabilization program name is now the Crisis Recovery Center and The Center will be removed as a service location for Mental Health Support Services.

The Committee also received at this meeting a written request to extend its affiliation to include the addition of a Sponsored Residential Services location at the Hunnicutt Home, located at 1012 Euclid Avenue in Bristol, Virginia.

Motion was made by Ms. Stacy and seconded by Mr. Dillon to extend affiliation to include the addition of Outpatient Consultation Services and Sponsored Residential Services locations and accept the changes within HCS' Recovery Department noted above. Motion carried.

C. Family Preservation Services, Inc.

The Committee received at this meeting a written request from Family Preservation Services to extend its affiliation to include the addition of a Therapeutic Day Treatment program location at Richlands High School in Tazewell County.

Motion was made by Ms. Stacy and seconded by Mr. Dillon to extend affiliation to include the Therapeutic Day Treatment program expansion as requested by Family Preservation Services. Motion carried.

XI. Other Business

There was no other business at this meeting.

XII. Closed Session

There was no closed session at this meeting.

XIII. Next Meeting

The next Southwest Local Human Rights Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at the Russell County Library in Lebanon, Virginia.

XIV. Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Coppedge adjourned the meeting at 3:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorie Horton
Administrative Liaison

Tracy Mullins
Committee Chair