

**Southwest Regional Human Rights Committee
Minutes
June 16, 2010
Oxbow Center, St. Paul, VA
2:00-4:00 p.m.**

The Southwest Regional Human Rights Committee met on Wednesday, June 16, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at the Oxbow Center, St. Paul VA.

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

Committee Members Absent: None

Others Present: Lorie Horton, Highlands Community Services
Franklin Horton, Cumberland Mt. CSB
Nan Neese, DBHDS Human Rights Advocate
Glenda Pollard, VA Baptist Children's Home
Rod McMurray, Family Preservation, Inc
Lisa Odle, Family Preservation, Inc
Alfred Eichler, New Beginnings
Sherry Dye, DePaul Community Resources
Sharon O'Keefe-Hicks, Creative Family Solutions
Sherry Conaway, Dickenson County Behavioral Health
Rebecca Scott, Dickenson County Behavioral Health
Thelma Bond, R&S Helping Hands
Charles Murphy, Infinite Potential Supportive Services
Heather Murphy, Infinite Potential Supportive Services
Regina Lawson, Frontier Health/PD1
Wendy Umbarger, Pressley Ridge

I. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair, Dr. Elvera McLees welcomed the Committee and Affiliates. Introductions were made.

II. Call to Order

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

III. Approval of the Minutes

The March 17, 2010 minutes were drafted by Nan Neese Regional Human Rights Advocate, but continue to be unavailable for dissemination, due to a technical problem within the DBHDS computer system. The March 17, 2010 minutes were tabled until the next meeting. The April 21, 2010 minutes were reviewed by the Committee. Motion was

made by Margaret Schenck and seconded by Tracy Mullins to approve the minutes as drafted. Motion carried.

IV. Advocate's Report

Nan Neese, Human Rights Advocate stated we must insist that the Affiliate Organizations recruit Applicants for membership immediately. It is the responsibility of the provider to assure access to an LHRC and then maintain and support the Committee. This service area has failed to recruit membership for an extended period. Should there not be expedient recruiting of eligible individuals including consumer representation the Advocate will find violation and seek citation.

IV. Family Preservation Inc. Program Rules for Summer Therapeutic Day Treatment

Rod McMurray, Family Preservation Inc. presented the rules to the Committee. Ms. Neese noted the positive language that was used. Mr. McMurray stated that it is the intent of Family Preservation Inc. to use the same set of rules across the State at their various Summer Therapeutic Day Treatment sites as such multiple Human Rights Committees will be requested to and have reviewed the rules. A motion was made by Ms. Schenck and seconded by Ms. Mullins to approve the rules as presented. Motion carried.

V. Notice of New Service Locations – Family Preservation Services

Rod McMurray requested the Committee's approval to extend Family Preservation's affiliation to include providing Therapeutic Day Treatment Services for children at: Keokee Elementary, Weber City Elementary, Ervinton Elementary, Clinchco Elementary, Clintwood Elementary, Clintwood Headstart Elementary, and Kid Central with Headstart programs in Wise count and the City of Norton. Motion was made by Ms. Schenck and seconded by Ms. Mullins to extend the affiliation to include the above locations. Motion carried.

VI. Annual Program Reports for 2009

Virginia Baptist Children's Home & Family Services

Glenda Pollard submitted the report to the Committee for review. Motion was made by Ms. Schenck and seconded by Ms. Mullins to accept the report as submitted. Motion carried.

VII. Cumberland Mountain Community Services – Notice of Human Rights Violation

Motion was made by Charles Stapleton and seconded 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 for Cumberland Mountain to report to the Committee an abuse allegation. Motion carried.

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

Each member then certified that to the best of their knowledge, only matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements were heard, discussed, or considered. No further action was deemed necessary

VIII. Other Business

Motion was made by Ms. Mullins and seconded by Ms. Schenck that the Southwest Regional Human Right Committee go into closed session pursuant to VA Code §2.2-3711.A. (1) and (4) ~~and (15)~~ for the purpose of the discussion of appointments and protecting the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business ~~and the discussion of medical and mental records~~, namely to discuss Committee membership. Motion carried.

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

Each member then certified that to the best of their knowledge, only matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements were heard, discussed, or considered. No further action was deemed necessary

Motion was made by Mr. Stapleton that all Committee members whose term is due to expire submit application to the State Human Rights Committee for re-appointment to the Committee. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2010, the location to be announced.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, Dr. McLees adjourned the meeting at 3:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lorie Horton
Staff Liaison

Dr. Elvera McLees
Committee Chairperson