

Commonwealth Center for Children & Adolescents
Staunton VA
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

01/17/2012

<p>Present: Susan Richardson, LHRC Chair Deborah Atno-Shelton, LHRC Secretary Mark Seymour, DBHDS/Advocate Joe Tuell, CCCA Facility Director Laura Ogden, <i>Affiliate: Spec. Youth Svcs.</i> Nancy Armstrong, Ed.D., <i>Affiliate: VSDB</i> JoAnn Shoemaker, <i>Affiliate: Family Pres. Svcs.</i> Bonnie Lungren, <i>Affiliate: Compass Y&F Svcs.</i> Kathryn Dickerson, <i>Affiliate: Liberty Point</i> Mark Stevens, VOPA</p>	<p>Jennifer Hatter, LHRC Member Jim Strock, LHRC Vice Chair Macy Fox, CCCA Family Support Specialist Pam White, CCCA LHRC Liaison Jim Rankin, <i>Affiliate: NCG, Inc.-Staunton/H'burg</i> Lora Cantwell, <i>Affiliate: Fam.Educ. Svcs.</i> Wendy Little, <i>Affiliate: Intercept Youth Svcs.-Shen. House</i> Gretchen Wilhelm, <i>Affiliate: Compass Y&F Svcs.</i> Dane Byers, <i>Affiliate: Crossroads Counseling</i> Erin Haw, VOPA</p>
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Minutes Prepared by: Pamela White, CCCA Liaison

Approved by: 
Deborah Atno-Shelton, Secretary

CURRENT AGENDA	FUTURE AGENDA
1. Call to Order; Review of Minutes	1. Call to Order; Review of Minutes
2. General: Affiliated Programs	2. General: Affiliated Programs
3. Advocate's Report	3. Advocate's Report
4. CCCA Facility Director's Report	4. CCCA Facility Director's Report
5. Adjourn	5. The next regular CCCA LHRC meeting has been scheduled for 04/17/2012 @ 6:00pm.

1. Susan Richardson- Chair called the meeting to order with roundtable introductions of all present and a review of the CCCA LHRC minutes of 11/15/11.

Action: The motion was made and seconded that the CCCA LHRC minutes of 11/15/11 be approved as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

2. Affiliations: Requests

Jim Rankin, *Affiliate: NCG, Inc.-Staunton/H'burg* requested an affiliation for an expansion of services in the Harrisonburg/Rockingham area, noting that services would be available in 8 elementary schools. Mark Seymour-DBHDS Advocate acknowledged the expansion and recommended approval.

Nancy Armstrong, Ed.D., *Affiliate: VSDB* presented a summary of new construction and expansion of 36 beds for the visually impaired. She noted that the Kiser Dorm for the hearing impaired had opened 48 beds last Fall. Dr. Armstrong added that the new buildings were designed to blend architecturally with those originally constructed. Mr. Seymour commented that the construction plans had been reviewed and approved by Licensure and recommended that the expansion be approved.

Action: Motions were made and seconded regarding CCCA LHRC approval of the expansion of services by National Counseling Group, Inc. and VSDB. The expansions were approved as presented.

Affiliations: General Information

JoAnn Shoemaker, *Affiliate: Family Pres. Svcs.* announced that they were working through the community process and wraparound services; they are also preparing a grant application for autism. She reported that DMAS had recently conducted a site visit.

Nancy Armstrong, Ed.D., *Affiliate: VSDB* announced receiving a grant (\$60,000) for deaf role models that may earn national recognition.

After questions and discussion regarding human rights data reporting, Mr. Seymour acknowledged that the reporting requirements were directed by the State Human Rights Committee (SHRC) and varied interpretations of allegations versus complaints, which are not the same.

3. Mark Seymour-DBHDS/Advocate presented the Advocate's Report, beginning with a coverage overview, noting that his designated geographic area included 20 counties representing approximately 1/3 of the State. He highlighted several goals for 2012 including more unannounced site visits to programs, sharing "best practices," consulting services, growth and improvement in children's services, and being a resource for LHRC duties. He reviewed the VICAP process currently in place for access to MH services, recognizing that the evaluation itself may be difficult for many families.
4. Joe Tuell-Facility Director presented the Facility Director's Report, stating that with half of the fiscal year done, the Center's admissions were up 7%. Mr. Tuell reported that there were no known additional budget cuts projected for the coming biennium. He commented that admissions of younger children had increased and that several families had expressed frustration in trying to find these services in their communities. Mr. Tuell introduced Macy Fox, RN- Family Support Specialist, who provided information about supporting parents and ensuring they had access to available services.
5. A motion was made and passed to go into closed session pursuant to VA Code §2.2-3711 for purposes including but not limited to the protection of the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business and/or the discussion or consideration of medical and mental records. Upon reconvening in open session, the CCCA LHRC certified to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the closed session were discussed in closed session.

Action: The CCCA LHRC accepted Annual Reports from Shenandoah House-Intercept, VSDB, and Family Preservation Services.