

## LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

02/16/2010

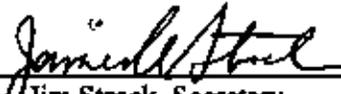
*The January 2010 meeting was cancelled and rescheduled for 02/16/2010.*

Present: Wendy Young, Chair  
Susan Richardson, Member  
Joe Tuell, CCCA Facility Director  
Joann Shoemaker, *Affiliate: Family Pres. Svcs.*  
Kathryn Dickerson, *Affiliate: Liberty Point*  
Jim Collins, *Affiliate: Minnick Education Center*  
Laura Ogden, *Affiliate: Specialized Youth Svcs*  
Melissa Blinn, *Affiliate: People Places-Staunton*  
Don Roe, Ph.D., CCCA Assist. Director  
Jenny Heilborn, VOPA

Paul Krikau, Vice Chair  
Jim Strock, Secretary  
Pam White, CCCA LHRC Liaison  
Wendy Little, *Affiliate: Intercept Youth Svcs.*  
Greg Czyszczon, *Affiliate: Crossroads Counseling*  
Nancy Armstrong, *Affiliate: VSDB*  
Laurie Bonney, *Affiliate: People Places-Charlottesville*  
Oliver Agee, *Affiliate: Natl. Counseling Group, Inc., -Staunton*  
Mark Seymour, DBHDS/Advocate

Minutes Prepared by: Pamela White, CCCA Liaison

Approved by:

  
Jim Strock, 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 03/16/10@ 6:00pm.

1. Wendy Young-Chair called the meeting to order with round table introductions of all present and a review of the CCCA LHRC minutes of 12/16/09.

Action: The CCCA LHRC minutes of 12/16/09 were approved as amended.

2. **Annual Reports** from the affiliated programs presented:
  - a. Wendy Little-Affiliate: *Intercept Youth Services* formally presented the program's Annual Report for 2009 (Handout 1). She reported that two corrective action plans had been submitted in response to Licensure citations regarding environmental and safety/security issues. Ms. Little commented that although her program is not a locked facility, several residents have come to the program from much more secure programs.

Action: The CCCA LHRC approved the 2009 Annual Report from *Intercept Youth Services*.

### General Information from the affiliated programs represented:

- a. *National Counseling Group, Inc./Harrisonburg-Staunton*-Oliver Agee reported that their Therapeutic Day Treatment Program was approved by Licensure for treatment out of two additional schools.
  - b. *People Places/Charlottesville*-Laurie Bonney and *People Places/Staunton*-Melissa Blinn presented language changes in their policy (Handout 2), referencing the cessation of the use of restraint, seclusion or time out within the program. On 01/15/2010, the Charlottesville program received a preliminary license to provide intensive in-home services for youth who have a planned transition back into the home.
3. Mark Seymour-DBHDS/Advocate presented his Advocate's Report, acknowledging the severe budget deficit that the Commonwealth of Virginia continues to work through. The general outlook for State agencies remains dim as to impact with many organizations taking additional budget reductions compounded with those already imposed in the past several years. Following the January 2010 inauguration of Governor Bob McDonnell, several announcements have been made regarding the appointments of Health & Human Resources Secretary William A. Hazel Jr., MD and as well as the DBHDS Interim Commissioner James Stewart who served previously as the DBHDS Inspector General.

4. Joe Tuell-Facility Director presented the Facility Director's Report, beginning with draft Center Instruction No. 2411 (Handout 3) regarding the Center's seclusion and restraint policy. Don Roe, Ph.D.-Assistant Director reviewed the changes which were in response to concerns made by the Virginia Office for Protection and Advocacy (VOPA). Primarily, items regarding the seclusion room doors and staff training were addressed. Mr. Tuell commented that the Center has worked diligently towards reducing actual usage of either seclusion or restraint, reiterating that it is viewed as the last resort of emergency interventions.

Action: The CCCA LHRC approved the Center's draft Center Instruction 2411, noting that it is to be reviewed again at the next meeting for final approval.

Mr. Tuell continued the Facility Director's Report, stating that in December 2009 the Center was once again slated for closure by Governor Tim Kaine's budget announcement effective 06/30/2010. There remains much uncertainty regarding the new Governor's initiatives and what, if any, changes that he may make to the budget. Mr. Tuell also reported that plans to move the Center's operations back to its original site are ongoing, with a target date of mid-to-late March 2010. He noted that progress has been incremental in spite of several delays due to the circumstances posed by this season's severe winter weather and the logistics of synchronizing the building's environmental systems.

5. At the request of Mr. Tuell, the motion was made and seconded to go into a closed session pursuant to VA Code §2.2-3711, for the purpose of discussing matters excluded from the Freedom of Information Act regarding consultation with legal counsel.

Action: Upon reconvening in open session, the CCCA LHRC certified that to the best of each member 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 the closed session.