

**LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE**

03/21/06

6:00PM

Present: Jim Hall, Secretary  
Wendy Young, Member  
Joe Tuell, Fac. Dir.  
Pam White, CCCA LHRC Liaison

Dan McCauley, Acting Chair  
Mark Seymour, CCCA-Advocate  
Don Roe, Ph.D., CCCA-Clin. Prog. Svcs.  
Chris Ruble, *Whisper Ridge-Staunton*

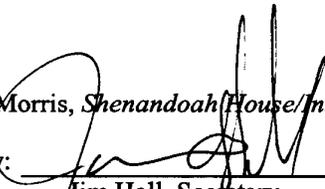
Guest: Teresa Kennedy, *Family Preservation*

Absent: Deborah Atno-Shelton, Chair

Joe Morris, *Shenandoah House/Intercept*

Minutes Prepared by: Pamela White

Approved by:

  
Jim Hall, Secretary

CURRENT AGENDA	FUTURE AGENDA
1. Call to Order; Review of Minutes	1. Call to Order; Review of Minutes
2. Advocate's Report	2. CCCA Facility Director's Report
3. CCCA Facility Director's Report	3. Advocate's Report
4. Adjourn	4. <b>The next regular CCCA LHRC meeting has been scheduled for 05/16/06 @ 6:00pm.</b>

1. Dan McCauley-Acting Chair called the meeting to order, welcoming all present with a review of the LHRC minutes of 01/17/06.

Action: The CCCA LHRC minutes of 01/17/06 were approved as presented.

2. Don Roe, Ph.D., CCCA-Clinical Program Services Director presented Center Instruction #2310 *Requirements for Treatment Planning*. He commented that the instruction had been updated to reflect changes in DMHMRSAS policy and that it is was reflective of practices currently in place.

Action: The CCCA LHRC approved Center Instruction 2310 as presented.

3. Mark Seymour-Advocate introduced Teresa Kennedy-*Family Preservation Services* who was requesting affiliation with the CCCA LHRC for that program, which is currently affiliated with Valley CSB LHRC. She described the program as being private-for-profit in-home community services, offering therapeutic counseling to families. Ms. Kennedy stated that the local office is located in Verona and staff consists of 1-LCSW, 4-MSWs, 9-BSs, and 4-therapeutic mentors. She also reported no restraints for 2005, adding that restraint was utilized only if the client was a danger to self or others. The program incorporates the use of verbal cues to de-escalate situations. Staff members are in the homes approximately 5 hours per week, providing structural family therapy to approximately 25 families in the area. Ms Kennedy stated that the affiliation would be for services provided in the Staunton/Waynesboro/Augusta County region.

Action: The CCCA LHRC accepted and approved the affiliation request as presented.

4. Jim Hall-LHRC Secretary acknowledged that at the previous meeting, the CCCA LHRC had recommended that the affiliated programs attend the regular meetings and requested that instead, the affiliated programs attend and present an Annual Report in their anniversary month.

Chris Ruble-*Whisper Ridge* commented that his program, licensed for 42 beds, had been open approximately 1 year, serving 29 adolescent males and invited the CCCA LHRC membership to visit.

Action: The CCCA LHRC discussed attendance and a preference for regular attendance but will revisit the issue at the next meeting. It was noted that *Whisper Ridge* will be presenting it's Annual Report at the next meeting.

5. Mr. Seymour presented the Advocate's Report, stating that the current VA DMHMRSAS-*Rules & Regulations to Assure the Rights of Individuals Receiving Services of Providers of Mental Health, Mental Retardation & Substance Abuse Services* are in effect although the revision process is underway. He also informed the membership that the minutes of Local Human Rights Committee meetings are to be posted via the Internet and acknowledged that efforts were underway to make this logically possible for the CCCA LHRC, either through the Center's website or that of DMHMRSAS.
6. Mr. McCauley acknowledged the current member vacancy and reviewed the membership application by Macy Fox.

Action: The CCCA LHRC recommended that Ms. Fox's application be considered and that she attend the next meeting as a prospective member.

7. Joe Tuell-Facility Director presented the CCCA Facility Director's Report, stating that the Center had it's JCAHO triennial on-site unannounced survey in February 2006, which went well. He commented that the tracer methodology was utilized and that the JCAHO surveyor was a child psychologist well-versed in the mental health issues of youth. Mr. Tuell reported that the Center's Medicaid Survey also went well, and that a DMHMRSAS Licensure review/visit was in process. He commented that January 2006 had been a remarkable month for admissions, citing 66 admissions for the month. Mr. Tuell reported that informal complaints had been handled individually and have not required the intervention of the Advocate.

Action: Mr. Tuell will continue provide updates regarding facility issues as needed.

8. Mr. Hall announced that DePaul Family Services was planning a workshop at Blue Ridge Community College on 05/04/06, 8:30am-12:30pm, entitled "Trauma Resiliency in Children." He added that it was a cooperative effort, involving CCCA staff who would be presenting, and invited CCCA LHRC members to attend. Mr. Hall related that should this endeavor be successful, a second workshop may be planned for Fall 2006.