

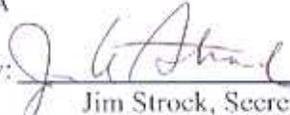
**LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE**

05/18/2010

Present: Wendy Young, Chair  
Jim Strock, Secretary  
Mark Seymour, DBHDS/Advocate  
Joe Tuell, CCCA Facility Director  
JoAnn Shoemaker, *Affiliate: Family Pres. Svcs.*  
Terri Gibbs, *Affiliate: Minnick Education Center*  
Jim Rankin, *Affiliate: NCG, Inc. -Staunton*  
Melissa Blinn, *Affiliate: People Places-Staunton*  
Taylor Davis, *Affiliate: Liberty Point*  
Kim Lindblad, *Affiliate: Specialized Youth Svcs.*  
Jenny Heilborn, VOPA

Susan Richardson, Member  
Paul Krikau, Vice Chair  
Don Roe, Ph.D., CCCA Assist. Fac. Dir.  
Pam White, CCCA LHRC Liaison  
Wendy Little, *Affiliate: Intercept Youth Svcs.*  
Jim Collins, *Affiliate: Minnick Education Center*  
Laurie Bonney, *Affiliate: People Places-Charlottesville*  
Greg Czyszczon, *Affiliate: Crossroads Counseling*  
Kathryn Dickerson, *Affiliate: Liberty Point*  
Steve Jurentkuff, *Affiliate: Specialized Youth Svcs.*  
Mark Stevens, VOPA

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 07/20/2010 @ 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 03/30/2010.

Action: The motion was made and seconded that the CCCA LHRC minutes of 03/30/2010 be approved as amended; the motion passed unanimously.

2. **Annual Reports** from the affiliated programs presented:
  - a. Greg Czyszczon-*Affiliate: Crossroads Counseling*
  - b. Taylor Davis-*Affiliate: Liberty Point*
  - c. Terri Gibbs-*Affiliate: Minnick Education Center*
  - d. Laurie Bonney-*Affiliate: People Places-Charlottesville & Staunton*
  - e. Kim Lindblad-*Affiliate: Specialized Youth Svcs.*

All provided information regarding the implementation of human rights within their programs, including a general program overview, staff qualifications and training, complaints, and licensure status.

**General Information** from the affiliated programs included:

- a. Taylor Davis-*Affiliate: Liberty Point* commented that plans were still in process for construction of a new school onsite.
- b. Terri Gibbs-*Affiliate: Minnick Education Center* shared that there had been a steady growth in the programs, that a new playground had been opened, and that they may possibly have a vocational program for older autistic students in the future.

Action: The motion was made and seconded: the CCCA LHRC approved the Annual Reports from the affiliates and thanked them for their updated information.

3. Mark Seymour-DBHDS/Advocate presented the Advocate's Report, noting the significantly reduced number of Human Rights Advocates providing coverage through the State and the challenges of recent budget cuts, reassignments, and organizational realignments under the new DBHDS Commissioner James Stewart. Mr. Seymour reported that recruiting efforts were underway for a new child-focused LHRC to serve the Charlottesville/Culpeper area which was being chartered by Crossroads Counseling.

Mr. Seymour recognized retiring CCCA LHRC member Wendy Young, who term expires 06/30/2010. He also recognized member Paul Krikau, who had resigned due to out-of-state relocation. He thanked all members of the CCCA LHRC for their valued expertise and input regarding children's services.

4. Joe Tuell-Facility Director presented the Facility Director's Report with the return of operations to its original site on 04/19/2010. He commented that while addressing common issues of settling back into the original environment such as tweaking the newly-installed systems, admission have continued to increase. Also, the Adolescent Unit at Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute closed May 1<sup>st</sup>, with the Center designated for future admissions. Mr. Tuell reported that State agencies were still in a budget crisis with more cuts and staff reductions being expected. He stated that the Center has been actively involved in reducing the usage of seclusion and restraint (S/R) through grant-sponsored activities and support materials. Mr. Tuell reported that the S/R data for adolescents has been reduced dramatically, emphasizing the Center-wide belief of the least restrictiveness possible. He added that the Center has been monitoring S/R data for trends and stated that very acute behavior by patients could be extremely challenging.

Don Roe, Ph.D.-Assistant Facility Director reported that grant activities have included the formation of a steering committee, and 3 part-time positions including a Family Support Worker and two Consumer Coordinators who are helpful with the patients and give insight regarding S/R usage. He added that the Center now has "calming rooms" and is actively using sensory modulation with patients. Dr. Roe commented that while displaced at Western State Hospital, the approach of team teaching was developed and was so positively received that the practice continues onsite here.

Action: The CCCA LHRC requested overview updates regarding trend data reviewed by staff in the usage of S/R.

5. A motion was made and passed to go into closed session pursuant to VA Code §2.2-3711 for the purpose of considering appointments to and removals from Local Human Rights Committees. 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: After the applicant questionnaire review acknowledging the candidate's past LHRC experience, the CCCA LHRC recommended that Deborah Atno-Shelton's application be submitted to the State Human Rights Committee (SHRC) for approval and appointment.

Noting the vacancy of Chair by retiring member Ms. Young, the CCCA LHRC elected the following slate of officers:

Chair: Susan Richardson  
Vice Chair: Jim Strock  
Secretary: Deborah Atno-Shelton