

Commonwealth Center for Children & Adolescents  
Staunton VA  
**LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE**  
09/15/09

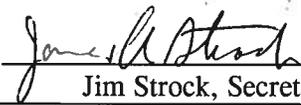
*The July 2009 meeting was cancelled.*

<p>Present: Wendy Young, Chair Paul Krikau, Member Mark Seymour, DMHMRSAS/Advocate Pam White, CCCA LHRC Liaison Candy Calloway, <i>Affiliate: Family Pres. Svcs.</i> Kathryn Dickerson, <i>Affiliate: Liberty Point</i> Greg Czyszczon, <i>Affiliate: Crossroads Counseling</i> Nancy Armstrong, <i>Affiliate: VSDB</i> Duane Gingerich, <i>Affiliate: Specialized Youth Svcs.</i> Athena Hall, <i>Temp Affiliate: Hall Com. Svcs.-Staunton</i> Mark Stevens, VOPA</p>	<p>Jim Strock, Secretary Susan Powell, Member  Don Roe, Ph.D., CCCA Acting Facility Director Wendy Little, <i>Affiliate: Intercept Youth Svcs.</i> Taylor Davis, <i>Affiliate: Liberty Point</i> Dane Byers, <i>Affiliate: Crossroads Counseling</i> Terri Gibbs, <i>Affiliate: Minnick Education Center</i> Melissa Blinn, <i>People Places-Staunton</i> Jenny Heilborn, VOPA</p>
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Prospective Programs for Affiliation:

Oliver Agee, *National Counseling Group, Inc., -Staunton*  
Samuel Gray, *National Counseling Group, Inc.*

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. <b>The next regular CCCA LHRC meeting has been scheduled for 11/17/09@ 6:00pm.</b>

1. Jim Strock-Acting Chair called the meeting to order with round table introductions of all present and a review of the CCCA LHRC minutes of 05/19/09.

Action: The CCCA LHRC minutes of 05/19/09 were approved as presented.

2. **Annual Reports** from the affiliated programs presented:

- a. Wendy Little-*Affiliate: Intercept Youth Services* formally presented the program's Annual Report (Handout 1) that had been sent to the LHRC members earlier. She commented that *Intercept Shenandoah House* tries to strike a balance based on the individual needs of youngsters. Ms. Little reported that several policies concerning searches and security issues had been strengthened as the result of a number of incidents. She added that currently, the team is evaluating the appropriateness of the unlocked program for "detainees."

Action: The CCCA LHRC approved the Annual report from *Intercept Youth Services*, requesting an update on corrective measures at the next meeting.

**A request for an extended program affiliation** with the CCCA LHRC was presented by Athena Hall, *Temp Affiliate: Hall Community Services, Inc.* noting that their impending affiliation transfer to another LHRC has been delayed.

Action: The CCCA LHRC approved the extension through January 2010; the program's Annual Report will be due at the September 2010 regular meeting.

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A request for program affiliation with the CCCA LHRC was presented by Samuel Gray and Oliver Agee from the *National Counseling Group, Inc.* They presented an overview of the program and policies which are already in place at other locations throughout the State; they are currently planning to open an office in the Staunton area. Mark Seymour-DBHDS Advocate was supportive of the affiliation approval.

Action: The CCCA LHRC approved the Staunton program operated by *National Counseling Group, Inc.*

3. Mark Seymour-DMHMRSAS/Advocate presented his Advocate's Report, acknowledging the State budget crisis and its impact on services. Mr. Seymour reported that 15% budget cuts were expected, resulting in the loss of 20 positions in Central Office and added that a mandated furlough day for all State employees is also planned. He stated that State facilities and Community Services Boards (CSBs) would be taking a minimum of a 5% reduction. He also commented that there was interest in seating another child-oriented LHRC based between Staunton and Charlottesville that might possibly be an option for some of the currently CCCA-affiliated programs.
4. Don Roe, Ph.D.-Acting Facility Director presented the Facility Director's Report, reiterating the severity of the State budget reductions, which will be approximately a 5.5% cut for the Center. He reported that the closure of CCCA has not resurfaced but the initial closure workgroup had been refocused and the committee work concerning children's' services continues through addressing who is served by CCCA that cannot be maintained by a private provider, identifying community alternatives for youngsters in crisis, and taking into consideration the juvenile justice population. The workgroup has a report due to the Governor's Office by 11/01/09.
5. At the request of Taylor Davis-Affiliate: *Liberty Point*, 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 and protecting patient confidentiality.

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.

Action: The CCCA LHRC thanked Mr. Taylor for providing specific information regarding current challenges of the program.

6. Wendy Young-Chair acknowledged the recent membership vacancy, requesting input as to potential candidates. She also noted the Officer vacancy of Vice Chair.

Action: The CCCA LHRC will consider appropriate recommendations for the member vacancy. Mr. Paul Krikau accepted the nomination and was voted to be the Vice Chair.