

Commonwealth Center for Children & Adolescents
Staunton VA
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
01/27/14

Present:

Susan Richardson, LHRC Chair Jennifer H. Cline, LHRC Member Mark Seymour, DBHDS/Advocate Keith King, <i>Affiliate: Matthews Center/H'burg</i> Lora Cantwell, <i>Affiliate: Fam. Educ. Svcs.</i> Teresa Bouthillier, <i>Affiliate: Intercept/MHS & IIHS</i> Eric Constable, <i>Affiliate: Family Pres. Svcs. Inc.</i> Kathryn Dickerson, <i>Affiliate: Liberty Point</i> Dwayne Martin, <i>Affiliate: Crossroads Counseling Ctrs.</i> Jeffrey Aaron, Ph.D., CCCA Fac. Dir. Jenny Heilborn, disAbility Law Center of Virginia (<i>via conf call</i>)	Deidre Pritt, LHRC Member Deborah Atno-Shelton, LHRC Secretary Jim Rankin, <i>Affiliate: NCG, Inc.-Staunton/H'burg</i> Doris Moore, <i>Affiliate: People Places</i> Travis Patera, <i>Affiliate: Fam. Educ. Svcs.</i> Gretchen Wilhelm, <i>Affiliate: Compass Y&F Svcs.</i> JoAnn Shoemaker, <i>Affiliate: Family Pres. Svcs. Inc.</i> Joe Thompson, <i>Affiliate: VSDB</i> Frances Greenstein, <i>Affiliate: New Beg. Fam. Counseling Svcs.</i> Pam White, CCCA LHRC Liaison
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Absent: Jim Strock, LHRC Vice Chair

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 04/21/14 @ 10:00am.

1. Susan Richardson-Chair called the meeting to order with roundtable introductions of all present and a review of the CCCA LHRC minutes of 11/05/13.

Action: The motion was made and seconded that the CCCA LHRC minutes of 11/05/13 be approved as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

2. Affiliations: Requests

Keith King, *Affiliate: Matthew's Center* reported that the program had downsized its Harrisonburg location and had moved to Woodstock, noting that the offices were all within Region I.

Action: At the recommendation of Advocate Mark Seymour, the motion was made and seconded regarding CCCA LHRC approval of the change; the motion passed unanimously.

Frances Greenstein, *Affiliate: New Beg. Fam. Counseling Svcs.* presented a request to expand the program by adding Therapeutic Day Treatment services.

Action: The motion was made and seconded regarding CCCA LHRC approval of the addition; the motion passed unanimously.

Affiliations: Annual Reports

Annual Reports were provided by Joe Thompson, *Affiliate: VSDB*, JoAnn Shoemaker, *Affiliate: Family Pres. Svcs. Inc.* and Frances Greenstein, *Affiliate: New Beg. Fam. Counseling Svcs.* (postponed from the last meeting.)

Action: Motions were made and seconded regarding CCCA LHRC approval of the Annual Reports provided by VSDB and Family Preservation Services; they were approved as presented. The Annual Report from Intercept Youth Svcs.-Shen. House was postponed until the next meeting.

3. Mark Seymour-DBHDS/Advocate presented the Advocate's Report, providing an update regarding the Department of Justice/Commonwealth of Virginia settlement relative to the provision ID services. The transition of ID consumers from facilities to providers in the community has been challenging and the process continues to be complex. The *Rules and Regulations to Assure the Rights of Individuals Receiving Services from Providers Licensed, Funded or Operated by the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services* (2007) is in the revision process and a draft for public comment will be available.

Mr. Seymour also commented on the recent *60 Minutes* television broadcast, which included an interview with Virginia Senator R. Creigh Deeds, D-Bath. In the interview, Senator Deeds shared the tragedy involving his son's suicide. He has introduced legislative changes regarding the holding period for an Emergency Custody Order. The list of available Statewide emergency beds should be available soon to assist in locating mental health beds as quickly as possible.

Action: The CCCA LHRC thanked Mr. Seymour for update.

4. Jeffrey Aaron, Ph.D.-Facility Director began the Facility Director's Report by announcing that Eileen Ryan, DO had accepted the position of the Center's Medical Director. Dr. Aaron reported that the Center continues to be a model of relationship-based, collaborative therapeutic treatment. He added that SAMHSA representatives would be returning this year for meetings with staff and to provide training.

Dr. Aaron presented Center Instructions (CIs) 1130 "Abuse & Neglect Reporting & Investigation," 2311 "Treatment," and 2520 "Education Services" for review by the CCCA LHRC. The majority of changes involved regulatory updates in language or policy consolidation. He commented that CI 2520 was a consolidation of policies regarding the school at the Center and acknowledged that it is a State-operated program through the City of Staunton school system. Dr. Aaron added that the Center's seclusion and restraint policy was currently in the review process, noting a language change relative to contraindications. He reported that Center staff had visited and met with staff at Grafton because of the program's successful reduction in restrictive interventions. The use of protective barriers in a planful manner has been a tool for Grafton staff to keep everyone safe; the barriers are never used to contain or move a child in crisis. The Center has consulted with DBHDS CO TOVA staff regarding consideration of its use at CCCA and has been approved for presenting the consideration of the use of protective barriers to the CCCA LHRC.

Action: Mr. Seymour recommended approval of the Center's policies and further exploration of the use of protective barriers; the motion was made and seconded for approval of the Center Instructions as presented and for pursuing options regarding the therapeutic use of protective barriers. The motion passed unanimously.

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.

Action: 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.

6. Mark Seymour-DBHDS/Advocate provided LHRC training for the committee members in "Conducting a Hearing." Upon completion of the presentation, the meeting was adjourned.