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APPALACHIAN COMMUNITY LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

May 23, 2012

(April 25, 2012 postponed - no quorum)

The Appalachian Community Local Human Rights Committee (LHRC) met on Wednesday, May 23, 2012.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Charlotte Barkley, Chair
Nancy Thurman
Sandy Yates
Dona Blair, RN, Vice Chair
Frank Diamond

OTHERS PRESENT:

Tammy Mabe, SWVTC Liaison
Dr. Mark Witherspoon, Clinical Psychologist
Deborah Lowe, Administrative Support
B. J. McKnight, Human Rights Advocate

- I. Welcome and Call to Order – Charlotte Barkley, Chair, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 1:59 p.m.
- II. SWVTC Director Dennis Shrewsberry presented Charlotte Barkley with a Certificate of Recognition for 2 terms of service to the LHRC. Today is her last day as a member of the Committee. She is now serving as President of SWVTC's Parent Group.
- III. Membership Report, Dennis Shrewsberry reminded the Committee that we are recruiting for new members of the ACLHRC.
 - Membership Recruitment (professional interest vacancy, pending family member of consumer vacancy)
- IV. Approval of Agenda – No quorum was reached for the regularly scheduled meeting on April 25. The meeting date was changed to today.
- V. Charlotte Barkley, Chair, asked that Committee ask for different wording on the sign for video monitoring notification. Dona Blair made a motion to add this to the agenda. Nancy Thurman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The ACLHRC unanimously agreed that the sign should read, "Video Monitoring in Some Areas"
- VI. Charlotte Barkley requested that Election of Officers be moved to next on the agenda.
 - Motion was made by Charlotte Barkley that Sandy Yates be nominated as Chair. Frank Diamond seconded motion. Motion carried with all members in favor.
 - Charlotte Barkley made a motion to nominate Dona Blair as Vice President. Nancy Thurman seconded and motion carried with all in favor.
 - Charlotte Barkley made a motion to nominate Judy Padgett as Secretary. Nancy Thurman seconded and motion carried with all in favor.
 - No nominations for any positions were received from the floor.
- VII. Approval of January 25, 2011 Meeting Minutes

- Frank Diamond made a motion that minutes be accepted as written. Nancy Thurman seconded motion, which carried unanimously.

VIII. Southwestern Virginia Training Center Reports

- Facility Liaison Announcement – Michele Laird is the new Community Integration Manager employed by DBHDS and will no longer serve as the facility liaison. Tammy Mabe is acting in the interim.
- SWVTC Quarterly Report (January – March, 2012) – Tammy Mabe, Acting Director of Quality Improvement and Risk Management reviewed the human rights complaints, and Larry Smith, Chief of Program Support Services, reported the abuse allegations.
- Update on System Review of Foot Protection for Individuals – Larry Smith, Chief of Program Support Services
- SWVTC Human Rights Complaint Process and Human Rights Policy – B. J. Sharp, Community Services Director, could not be present at meeting, but will provide a copy of the flowchart for the Complaint Process that she developed.
 - i. Reference to Dignity Rights needs to be pulled from Behavior Support Plans and Instruction 570. Licensed professionals are the only ones who can restrict Dignity Rights. Dr. Witherspoon will review and make sure he's okay with it and report at next meeting of the ACLHRC.

Frank Diamond made a motion to accept reports as given and Nancy Thurman seconded motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

IX. Public Comment - None

X. Extension of Regulatory Timeframe for Hearing (Abuse Investigation 738-2012-003)

- Request for additional time to assess the facility's corrective action plan. Medical follow up, pictures, and blood work are all being monitored closely and sent to family. Family would like to come before ACLHRC for an appeal if the plan of correction does not meet with their satisfaction.
 - i. Frank Diamond made a motion to grant AR's request. Nancy Thurman seconded. The motion was passed unanimously under Human Rights Regulation 12VAC35-115-180.

XI. Advocate's Report – B. J. McKnight, Human Rights Advocate

- Dwayne Lynch is the new advocate for Catawba, Roanoke, and Alleghany Highlands. That brings the region to full staff with three advocates.
- SWVTC will host the SHRC meeting on Friday, September 7, 2012. The meeting will be open to the public unless the Committee goes into closed session. B. J. McKnight may have more information at July 25th LHRC meeting.
- No new information about provider quarterly and annual reporting process or procedures. The AC LHRC's recruitment should include a consumer/family member of consumer interest to replace Charlotte Barkley as a family member of a consumer to bring the LHRC in compliance with mandated membership requirements. The AC LHRC also has a professional vacancy.

- B. J. McKnight distributed a fact sheet and program description of the Systematic Therapeutic Assessment Respite and Treatment Program (START). Some discussion followed.

XII. Other Business - None

XIII. Sandy Yates made a motion to adjourn at 3:25 p.m. Nancy Thurman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The next meeting of the ACLHRC is scheduled for July 25, 2012.