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Danville-Pittsylvania County Regional  
Local Human Rights Committee  
October 14, 2014  
Betty Whitehead Conference Room – Danville/Pittsylvania Community Services Board

*Note: These minutes are subject to approval by the LHRC at its next meeting. Should revisions be made, they will be included as an item in the minutes of that meeting.*

**LHRC Members in Attendance:** Greg Casker; Lesa Shelton; Esther Goins; Jeff Rodden

**LHRC Members Not in Attendance:** Beverly Scruggs

**SVMHI and DPCR LHRC Human Rights Advocate:** Mandy Crowder

**Affiliates Not In Attendance:** A Better Tomorrow; Alliant Human Services; Caring Hearts Counseling, Inc.; Children and Family Community Development; Interventions of Virginia; Turning Point Family Services

**Minutes Recorder:** Jerri Lynn Phillips, SVMHI

**DPCR LHRC Minutes and Meeting Schedule:** The DPCR Local Human Rights committee (LHRC) minutes and meeting schedule can be located on the Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute's Web Page @ [www.svmhi.dbhds.virginia.gov](http://www.svmhi.dbhds.virginia.gov) under the heading of Individual Advocacy.

**Welcome/Call to Order:** In the absence of the Chair, Lesa Shelton called the Danville-Pittsylvania County Regional Local Human Rights Committee meeting to order at 5:42 PM. Mr. Casker later attended the meeting, thus a quorum was formed, and voting occurred.

**Closed Session – Interview potential LHRC member:** The interview was delayed until the close of the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from July 15, 2014 were approved.

**Public Comment:** Opportunity was given for public comment. No commentary occurred.

**Affiliate Requests:**

- Danville-Pittsylvania Community Services – ID In-Home Support Services requested additional services. No vote was necessary and approval was given.
- L & G Support Resources – Mental Health Skill Building. Mr. David Lee requested approval for the new service for 5 to 20 consumers. The committee heard the proposal and vote was approved after Mr. Casker's arrival.
- Danville-Pittsylvania Community Services – Intensive Care Coordination: New Service and Outpatient Services (Court Services): New Site – Cindy Lovell. No vote was necessary as these are additional services – approval was given.

**Advocate's Report:** Mandy Crowder

- Announcement of new Human Rights Director: Deb Lochart has been named State Human Rights Director. Her contact information was distributed, along with 2015 meeting dates; and information about reports needing to be completed on time.
- LHRC recruitment efforts: Two consumers are needed for the committee. Mandy will send out applications to all providers. Please fax any applications to her. She will follow-up on all current and previous applications that have been submitted.

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- LHRC assessment of fees for clerical support and refreshments: Shirley Purnell has provided refreshments for the meeting this evening. A vote was made by the affiliates about continuing with refreshments and it was unanimously decided that the committee would not have refreshments. M. Crowder discussed the necessity of a structured plan for clerical support. The following volunteered: Negril for January; Hughes for April; New Hope for July; The Linke for October.

**Affiliate Reports:** The following agencies had occurrences to report:

- HOPE Family Services are waiting licensure.
- DRMC reported one seclusion. Meds were given and the patient released after a short period in seclusion.
- Support Services of Virginia reported death of a consumer.
- SVMHI reported 8 abuse and neglect peer to peer incidents with all being unfounded; 4 complaints were made – all are still open; 1 death – patient had just returned from DRMC and suffered a heart attack. A Pet Therapy program is being started.
- All Care Family Services had one complaint of a discretion in a client log. The worker was terminated. Services are expanding.
- Negril had one financial complaint that was unfounded.
- Hughes Center reported 46 complaints none founded.
- New Height reported the location of their office at Martinsville, VA.

**Next Scheduled Meeting:** January 13, 2015 - DPCS, 245 Hairston Street, Danville, VA 5:30 PM

Upcoming Meetings: April 14, 2015; July 14, 2015; October 13, 2015

**Adjourned:** 6:13 PM. Delicious refreshments were served – thank you to Shirley Purnell.

**Closed Session:** Interview potential LHRC member and Authorized Representative request.