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Danville-Pittsylvania County Regional  
Local Human Rights Committee  
Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 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

**LHRC Members Not in Attendance:** Beverly Scruggs; Esther Goins; Jeff Rodden; Lesa Shelton

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

**Human Rights Advocate :** Beth Lee

**Affiliates Not In Attendance:** New Inspiration; Crossroads Treatment Center; HOPE Family Services; Life Support Services; 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 Client Advocacy.

**Welcome/Call to Order:** Greg Casker, Chair, called the Danville-Pittsylvania County Regional Local Human Rights Committee meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. As Mr. Casker was the only committee member in attendance, minutes could not be approved nor any votes taken for affiliation requests. Affiliate and committee information was given to Mr. Casker and will be sent to committee members for reference and any action that needs to be taken. Voting will need to occur at a following meeting with a quorum present.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from July 2013 and October 2013 were not approved due to lack of quorum.

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

- **Affiliation Request:**

**Epic Health Partners, LLC:** Mr. Williams summarized that Epic will offer mental health skills for adults 21 and older. Goals are to maintain stability, independence, job preparation and involvement in the community. The provider is located in Chatham.

**PreServe, Inc. Services:** Mr. Cooper stated that his facility, located on Industrial Avenue in Danville, had preliminary approval from Medicaid. Day Services including daily activity skills for ages 18 and over will start mid March.

**Joshua Home:** Approval was requested to open an additional site at 243 Grove Park Circle in Danville.

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**Advocate's Report:**

- Beth Lee, CVTC Advocate, introduced Mandy Crowder who has replaced Jennifer Kovack. Affiliates were told that printable posters onto which Mandy's name could be added can be found on the DBHDS website. Beth also reviewed various issues with the affiliates including:

- + Affiliates must respect client confidentiality and HIPPA guidelines when sending information electronically. Faxed material or appropriate phone communication is the best way to communicate potentially confidential health information to Beth Lee and Mandy Crowder due to encryption certification issues.

- + First Quarter reports are due to Mandy Crowder by April 5<sup>th</sup>.

- + The affiliates have a responsibility to recruit LHRC members and to notify Mandy Crowder of anyone that may be interested in serving on the LHRC. There are two available slots to fill. There is a need for a consumer member for which requirements are that he/she has utilized public or private services for intellectual/developmental disabilities, substance abuse, or mental health within the past five years. If committee roles remain unfilled, this LHRC may be under threat of consolidation with another LHRC, for example, the Piedmont LHRC. The consolidation could result in requiring longer meetings and changes in meeting location/scheduling.

**Affiliate Reports:**

- **Alliant:** 48 individuals are being served. No Human Rights violations/allegations.
- **Danville-Pittsylvania County Services Board:** 2727 individuals were served in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. There were 3 allegations of abuse/neglect - 1 is pending and 2 have been closed. There were 2 physical allegations – not founded; 1 neglect was founded; 1 Dignity – not founded. 2 HIPAA allegations were not founded; another HIPAA violation was founded and appropriate disciplinary action taken.
- **Family Preservation:** No allegation of abuse.
- **All Care Family Services:** 106 individuals served – no allegations of abuse.
- **Children and Family Community Development:** 3 individuals being served currently; no allegations of abuse/neglect.
- **Danville Regional Medical Center:** 113 individuals served – no allegations.
- **Hughes Center for Exceptional Children:** 52 individuals being served; there was 1 allegation of abuse which was unfounded. There were 2 complaints – 1 formal complaint was resolved with the family about clothing; 1 complaint about food was resolved and accepted by the guardian and individual. There were 68 peer-to-peer incidents. No abuse allegations.

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- **Doss Estates:** 7 individuals being served in a residential setting. No allegations.
- **MT Sorrell Home:** 9 individuals are being served as residents. No allegations.
- **Oasis Support Services:** 24 individuals being served – No reports of abuse.
- **Support Services of Virginia:** 18 individuals being served – no reports of abuse.
- **Joshua Home:** 4 individuals being served. No allegations of abuse/neglect.
- **Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute:** Daniel Herr, Facility Director, has been named Assistant Deputy Commissioner of Behavioral Health. He will continue as SVMHI Director, returning once a week until a replacement is named.  
There were 15 complaints; 4 abuse investigations which were not founded. Department of Social Services investigated 2 of the cases and also reported that they were not founded. Two employees were requested to have additional TOVA training.  
There were 12 peer-to-peer incidents. There were no abuse/neglect allegations.
- **Negril:** 49 individuals were served with no allegations of abuse. There was 1 complaint which was unfounded.
- **Diverse Family Services:** 14 individuals served. There were no reports of abuse/neglect. Sherry Miles visited and license will be renewed.
- **Virginia Health Partners:** 50 individuals served – no abuse.
- **Therapeutic Interventions, Inc.:** 39 individuals served – no allegations.
- **New Hope Support Services:** No neglect; 1 peer-to-peer.
- **Kingdom Dominion:** No complaints – 30 individuals served.

**Next Scheduled Meeting:** April 15, 2014 – DPCS, 245 Hairston Street, Danville, VA 5:30 PM

**Adjourned:** 6:43 PM Affiliates were given the opportunity to stay for any questions/discussion with Beth Lee about guardians/authorized representatives/capacity to consent issues.