MOUNT ROGERS LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

March 9, 2010

The Mount Rogers Local Human Rights Committee met on Tuesday, March 9, 2010 in the E. W. Cline, Jr. Building in Wytheville, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:    MEMBERS ABSENT:
Ms. Chris Bird       Ms. Rives Deaton
Ms. Judy Willis      Ms. Jennifer Haga
Dr. John McClane     Ms. Ann Harrison
Ms. Judy Willis      Ms. Danita Moore

OTHERS PRESENT:
Ms. Dona Blair       Ms. Monica Mann
Mr. Chris Felts       Ms. Nan Neese
Mr. John Hudson                  Ms. Norma Phillippi
Ms. Tina Kincer       Ms. Tina Privette
Mr. Sterling Lineberry                 Ms. Dianna Wilson
Ms. B. J. McKnight

I.   CALL TO ORDER

Dr. John McClane, Chairperson, informed the members that a quorum was not present. Presentations would be accepted for information only.

II.  INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Approval of the September 8, 2009 Minutes was deferred until the May 2010 meeting due to lack of a quorum.

Ms. Nan Neese reported that the title of this human rights “region” would continue as Region III but the Piedmont community services area returned to Region VI.

Ms. Neese is currently serving as primary Advocate for the Roanoke and New River Valleys and Catawba Hospital. Ms. B. J. McKnight and Ms. Deborah Jones will be working with the rest of the Providers of Region III. She announced that she had recently presented this Region’s Annual Report to the SHRC.
Ms. Neese reported that the Protocols for the licensing process are being revised in an effort to establish more consistency across the Commonwealth. She reminded Providers that licensing modifications and particularly additions of new sites or services requires a request for affiliation with the Local Human Rights Committee.

Lutheran Family Services has notified the LHRC that they will no longer provide services out of Wytheville. Therefore, they will not require continued affiliation with Mount Rogers Local Human Rights Committee.

Review of Affiliate Agreements was postponed until the May 2010 meeting.

Mount Rogers Community Services Board:

Mr. Chris Felts requested extended affiliation with Mount Rogers Local Human Rights Committee to include Sponsored Residential Home Providers including the homes of:
Arnold Grimm          Melinda Bonham
Jamie Smythers        Lisha Reynolds

And, Contractual Respite Providers including:
Tammy Copeland       Cathy Vaughan
Carolyn Parnell       Cathy Ward

The consensus of the members present was that the homes could be included under the current Affiliation; however, this item would be placed on the May agenda for consideration since a quorum was not present.

Wall Residences:

Ms. Suzi Lawson requested, by letter, extended affiliation with Mount Rogers Local Human Rights Committee to add homes to the current affiliation including the homes of:
Brian and Laura Beth Parnell    Terri Rittwage

The consensus of the members present was that the homes could be included under the current Affiliation; however, this item would be placed on the May agenda for consideration since a quorum was not present.

Report from Holston Family Services:

Diana Wilson with Holston Family Services of Southwest Virginia provided an annual report for 2009.

FOIA Training

FOIA Training was postponed until the May meeting.
Camelot of Virginia Update:

Mr. John Hutson presented an overview of services offered at Camelot of Virginia. He reported that the home is an independent living group home for boys, ages 16 – 21. Four boys are presently living in the home where they are busy learning daily life skills, as well as, going to school and some getting ready to begin classes at Wytheville Community College.

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Dr. John McClane, Chairperson