



**Northern Arizona Human Rights Committee
Health Choice Integrated Care
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Date: October 16, 2017	Northern Arizona Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes
Committee Members Present: Christopher Gonzalez (Secretary), Chris “Link” Duarte (Chair), Dorothy “Dot” O’Brien (Vice Chair), Keran O’Brien, Ann Gunty, Michael Sanderfer	
Non-Committee Members Present: Jesse Sharber (HCIC), Alex (AHCCCS)	
Other Attendees: Anna Branson (AZ Center for Disability Law)	
Committee Members Absent: Maegan Van Wyck, , Jalalieh Marian, Scott Lindbloom	
Next Meeting: November 20, 2017	
Approved: Chris Duarte, Chairperson	

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Welcome and Introductions	<p>Meeting called to order at 10:31.</p> <p>This is Chris Duarte chair of the Human Rights Council. We are going to go around and do welcomes and introduce what and ourselves you are passionate about and what brings you today. I am chair of this council. I also own and operate my own consulting company called Linking dreams consulting. We facilitate community development and chair of an LGBT Coalition. Chris D. is passionate about fighting those folks that fall</p>	N/A	N/A	N/A



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	<p>between the cracks and helping to bring them into a system that can help them and should be helping them , as well as, identifying gaps and disparities</p> <p>Christopher Gonzalez, Secretary of this committee and CEO for Hope Lives, which is an adult forensic peer support agency that works in the justice system and facilitates a suicide awareness, intervention and prevention program. My passion is to identify the disparities and helping to eliminating the disparities within all communities.</p> <p>My Name is Jessie Schroeder. I am the projects coordinator and also the Human Rights Liaison. I am the RHBA representative with Health Choice Integrated care. I'm passionate about working with youth transition age groups age 16 to 25 and with the providers that also work with this age group. I feel like it's a really important time especially for our kids and the disparities in which they deal with</p> <p>I am Dorothy O'Brien. I am initially here because I'm the mother of an adult child who</p>			



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	<p>is turning 39 next month. She is in the forensic unit of the state hospital and I spent a lifetime in community development. My passion is my commitment to this group as a mother and the adult system. The system is so broke and there are so many inexplicable and unbelievable things that need to be addressed. However, the bottom line is to get the discussion started. Make sure we are working with the stigma of mental illness and get in front of the people who are providing the services and make them accountable.</p> <p>My name is Karen O'Brien. I am Dorothy's husband. The stepfather of the 39-year-old girl and my passion is physics. I am an adjunct professor of physics in the physics department at Northern Arizona University.</p> <p>I am Ann Gunty. I am the mother of four children one of whom has been living in the system for four years. She is 17. I also work for Child and Family Support Services supporting parents whose children are in the behavioral health services and I came to that job not as a professional person but as a mom. That is my only professional</p>			



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	<p>qualification. Therefore, I gained a lot of professional knowledge. Just to clarify I am not a therapist or social worker. I am a parent. My passion definitely is the assisting of children and the things that are happening in that system that is good and not so good and making changes to have children be able to have better access to care. To have the families being heard and respected in the system, to recognize that parents are the experts of our children and need to be heard and valued in both the children's system and the adult system listened too. That is really where my passion lies.</p> <p>I am Sue Hernandez. In addition, I am parent, I started as a teacher and I did not feel I had the power to actually help students and I was an administrator for an after school program. I felt like I was really starting to cut through the red tape and be a bridge with the administration and students and community members. Then I had this beautiful nine year old and he has been in the behavioral health system for five years. My passion is a non-adversarial advocacy in Northern Arizona.</p>			



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	<p>My name is Alex. As a human rights advocate down here in Phoenix, in the Maricopa County area. My passion is advocacy and policy development.</p> <p>My name is Michael Sanderford. I have been involved in the field for four years working with adults 18+ with mental health issues. Helping them in school and with education. Since I have been in Arizona, I am more of a consultant. Gets called by parents raising kids at school and having trouble because the Psychologist, Principal or teacher will say this child has issues and I'll go in and I'll help facilitate evaluations. My passion is working with the homeless/mental health... Help them transition into housing or jobs or back in society will continue that mission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 			
Minutes from 7-17-17, 8-28-17 – additions, corrections or edits? Approval	<p>7-17-17 meeting minutes approved.</p> <p>8-28-17 meeting minutes approved.</p>		<p>Secretary – to send minutes out on or before 9-6-17.</p> <p>All – for review and approval.</p>	<p>9-18-17</p>



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I. Confidentiality continued	<p>It is determined by the committee to have all visitors/guests complete confidentiality forms. This includes both ground visitors/guests and electronics visitors/guests. This would exclude AHCCCS representatives as they have these signed through their employment with AHCCCS.</p> <p>The committee will need to develop and electronic confidentiality form/that can be signed electronically.</p> <p>Recommended by the committee to amend the guidelines regarding the confidentiality agreement section, as well as to incorporate additional language of specific state policies and initiatives within the verbiage of those articles.</p> <p>The committee did experience the following interruption;</p> <p><i>“Excuse me? This is Dana Hearn from AHCCCS. Pardon for the interruption. Unfortunately this call number also got sent out to an Arizona State Hospital subcommittee of HRC. I just want to make</i></p>		Katy reviewed and signed required form and submitted back to Yisel at the meeting.	N/A



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	<i>sure that anyone that possibly got along for Arizona State Hospital subcommittee calls the new line that's been sent out. Dana had asked; Is there anyone the line from the Arizona State Hospital subcommittee HRC? There was... no. "</i>			
II. Guidelines, discussion continued	Guidelines dated 10-16-17 we approved by the committee.		All	Guidelines submitted to the Director of AHCCCS by COB, sept 30 2017. Site Visit packet due date: TBD
III. Operating Guidelines, discussion continued	Chris D. expressed to be mindful of holidays throughout the year being mindful of everybody's location being mindful also that we're going to be reviewing gaps and disparities that fall under the RBHA and the state AHCCCS health care system and that sometimes it may not be appropriate to be holding our meetings in the same organizations that fall under that for conflict of interests. Most places want funding for the	N/A	N/A	N/A



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	<p>meeting rooms. He recommends that the committee apply for grant opportunities to fund these meeting rooms, pay for travel and other miscellaneous expenses. Committee agreed.</p> <p>Chris D. recommends that we begin working on the 2018 schedule and meeting locations to that we have this coordinated in advance and this should work more compassionately with committee member(s) schedules. Committee agreed</p> <p>The committee also recommends that we hold our meeting in various location throughout our geographical service location(s).</p> <p>Ann G. inquired about the google doc for placing notes and communication going forward. Chris G. expressed that this topic is place on the agenda for the November meeting for the commit to discuss.</p>			



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IV. Site visits-checklist, procedure continued	<p>It was discussed that the Secretary would be released from facilitating the deliverables and the special assistance records due to him working for a RBHA contracted provider and causing any conflict of interest for the committee; however at the same discussion to was determined that regardless if the Secretary gets them and/or facilitates reviews/site visits, that he would need to recuse himself anyway. The committee left this topic open to further discussion.</p> <p>The committee recommended developing a sub-committee to review and facilitate site visits accordingly. Committee recommends further discussion regarding this sub-committee as we will need to develop sub-committee guidelines, groups list and protocol.</p> <p>Committee recommends we would send out an e-mail and say hey this sub-committee (task force) is conducting on site visits. We wanted to discuss moving forward because obviously that task force I wouldn't want to be doing that in this meeting either going through and reviewing the guidelines and</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secretary will put together a draft site visit packet. 	TBD



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	<p>doing the edits on that checklist saying what we do or don't want to have thought of. The other thing that should be done during a task force meeting and then who would want to champion the visits who want to champion doing something that would pull from the families who would want to champion forming relationships with the H.R. and CEO folks. I think they know it will involve different skills and multiple people. Yeah Dot If you want to manage just the oversight manager of that task force the committee would love to see you in that role. OK. And if I may say is that part of that so that we can move ahead. All right now the first meeting with the task force let us take these forms apart. let us really take a hard look at them and come back to our (muffled) maybe the November December meeting with something that the full council could approve and then get ready forward.</p>			
VIII. Officers and Committee Chairs/members and/or Task Force Chairs/members (i.e.- site visits, advocacy,	N/A			



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press/media, public awareness?)- discussion continued				
Future Agenda Items – Approval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Functional form on applying our meeting minutes via google doc. • Future funding opportunities • Guidelines amendment(s) • Committee areas of interest • Marketing the HRC (AZ 211/Facebook/linked in/twitter) 			
MEETING ADJOURNED	1:00 pm			
NEXT MEETING	November 20, 2017 from 10:30a-1:00pm See agenda for meeting location and communication information			