

Petersburg Regional
Local Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2011

Committee Members Present:

Ms. Marie Parker, LHRC Member
Mr. Michael Nichols, LHRC Chair
Mr. Steven Watkins, LHRC Member
Ms. Michaele-McKeever-Davis, LHRC Member

Committee Members Absent

Ms. Isabel Vartanian, LHRC Member

Affiliate Members Present:

Ms. Kimberly Lindblad, Specialized Youth Services of Virginia, Inc.,
LHRC staff support and Affiliate
Ms. Lashanda Powell, Triumph Residential Services, LHRC Affiliate
Ms. Tamika Myrick, Triumph Residential Services, LHRC Affiliate
Mr. Lola Shodeinde, Amazings Grace, LHRC Affiliate
Ms. Margaret Gwynn, A & C Alternative Care, LLC, LHRC Affiliate
Ms. Ramona Strickland, Poplar Springs Hospital, LHRC Affiliate
Mr. Elijah Freeman, We Care Residential Services, LLC, LHRC Affiliate
Ms. Wilma Mullins, DBS Family Services, LHRC Affiliate
Mr. Kenneth Jenkins, DBS Family Services, LHRC Affiliate
Mr. Daniel Herr, Gateway Homes, LHRC Affiliate
Ms. Tanisha Green, Jireh House, LLC, LHRC Affiliate
Mr. Rudi Jackson, ECCS, LHRC Affiliate
Mr. Mario Haskett, Y.E.A., LHRC Affiliate

Affiliate Members Absent:

Mr. James Montoria, Simms Children Assistance Services, LHRC Affiliate
Mr. Kenneth Heath, FamMat Services, LLC, LHRC Affiliate
Ms. Eunice Blackwell, Savannah's House, LHRC Affiliate
Mr. Ron Wallace, River City Residences, LLC, LHRC Affiliate

Others Present:

Ms. Carrie Flowers, Human Rights Advocate, Office of Human Rights
Ms. Kathy Tierney, LHRC Member Applicant

I. Call to Order

a) Mr. Nichols called the meeting to order at 2:34pm.

II. Approval of the Minutes

- a) The committee reviewed the minutes from the August and October 2010 meetings and did not recommend any changes; Mr. Watkins motioned to accept the minutes as written; Ms. McKeever-Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

III. Public Comments

No public comments

IV. New Business

No new business

V. Old Business

No old business was presented or reviewed.

VI. Affiliate Reports

- Savannah's House (absent)*
- Triumph Residential Services
- Jireh House, LLC
- Empowerment Clinical Consulting Services
- FamMat Services, LLC
- Gateway Homes
- Specialized Youth Services of Va., Inc.
- Poplar Springs Hospital
- River City Residences (absent)*
- Amazings Grace
- Simms Children Assistance Services (still awaiting licensing approval)*
- A & C Alternative Care, LLC
- DBS Family Services, Inc.
- Youth Excel and Advancement (Y.E.A.) (absent)*
- We Care Residential Services

*Savannah's House, River City Residences, and Simms Children Assistance Services did not present program reports as these affiliates were absent from the meeting.

Mr. Watkins motioned to accept the current program reports presented; Ms. McKeever-Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ms. Parker motioned to accept the program reports presented in the August 2010 and October 2010 meetings; Mr. Watkins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VII. Advocate's Report

Ms. Flowers advised the committee members and affiliates that the annual report due to the Office of Human Rights (OHR) by the 15th of January each new year, is to contain numbers of restraints and seclusions over the previous year. It is up to each committee to determine if they would like to receive additional information in the annual report. Also, committee members and affiliates need to review the recently disseminated information by the SHRC so the committee can draft new bylaws. New committee bylaws need to be signed and in place by June 30, 2011. A subcommittee was formed to include the committee members and several affiliates (SYS of Va., Inc., DBS Family Services, A & C Alternative Care, ECCS, Y.E.A., LLC, and Triumph Residential Services); this subcommittee will meet April 6, 2011 at 2:30pm at Poplar Springs Hospital, with an alternate date of April 27, 2011 at 2.30pm if the subcommittee cannot meet on April 6th. Affiliation fees are not mandatory but affiliates are required to provide clerical support for the committee. The matter of the fees and the clerical support will be discussed in the meeting. In the SHRC correspondence, it is noted that LHRCs can no longer deny providers affiliation or have a cap on the number of providers allowed to affiliate with any given committee. Mr. Watkins motioned to accept the advocate's report; Ms. McKeever-Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VIII. Closed Session

Mr. Watkins made a motion to move into Closed Session; Ms. Parker seconded the motion. Motion carried. Committee Member Applicant Ms. Tierney was interviewed by the committee members.

IX. Other Business

- a) Meetings are scheduled for the 2011 year on April 6th (only by-laws subcommittee needs to attend), May 11, 2011, August 10, 2011, and October 12, 2011.

X. Adjournment

- a) Ms. Parker made a motion to close meeting. Ms. Vartanian seconded the motion. Motion carried. The LHRC meeting was adjourned at 3:02pm.