

ALEXANDRIA LHRC MINUTES

June 20, 2007

PRESENT:

Gerylee Baron, Chair
Scott Singleton, Vice-Chair
Kelly Hauck, Secretary
Naomi Cooper, member
Mary LoCicero, member
Marisa Brown, member
Jennifer Cohen-Cordero CSB representative
Tim Simmons, SHRC representative
Ben Toma, Alexandria CSB

ABSENT:

Holly Stachel
Jim Ewalt, Excused absence

Meeting called to order at 7:15 PM.

Report from SHRC:

- Training previously scheduled for September 6 and 7 has been canceled. New date to be announced. There will be workshops for LHRC members.

Report from CSB:

- Investigations revealed that two human rights violation complaints were founded.
- The LHRC is now included on the CSB website. Going forward, minutes will be posted to the site as required by the SHRC rules & regulations.

Report from Regional Meeting:

Committee Discussion:

- Issue of concern is the lack of behavior plans being brought to the LHRC. Clarification needed on what plans must go to the LHRC. Pamphlets from VOPA passed out.
- It was determined that CSB has approximately 4,000 consumers.
- Of 40 consumers with an ID living in group homes, an estimated 5 behavior plans exist (plans prepared by private consultants to address specific areas of concern). There may be more. Additional information needed.
- LHRC is requesting these (and all other behavior plans) be submitted for review.
- The Committee would like the City to add a check box at the bottom of the behavior plans, which gives consumers (or legal guardian/representative) the option of having the plan reviewed by the LHRC. Specific language

proposed, "Do you want this plan to be reviewed by the Alexandria Local Human Rights Committee?"

- A roster with LHRC Committee member names should be sent to all CSB facilities in order to facilitate committee member visits.
- The Committee is requesting site visits be scheduled in the near future.
- Affiliation fees were discussed and tabled for the next meeting. The Committee is awaiting a determination on whether or not the CSB would be willing to be responsible for the administration of a LHRC account.

Committee Action Items for LHRC members:

1. LHRC to formally request in writing that all affiliates identify for us:
 - a. The number of residents/consumers that are in their facilities/programs;
 - b. The number of behavior plans;
 - c. The number of behavior plans with restrictions.
2. Letter to all affiliates requesting that they provide a copy (redacted) of all behavior plans within 30 days from the date of the letter so that we can review them.
3. Official recommendation to the City of Alexandria to include the check box described above on all plans. Requests for reviews of plans should be addressed to Human Rights Advocate, Alexandria CSB, 720 N. St. Asaph Street, Alexandria, VA
4. Modification to the form received at the Regional meeting to meet our needs and to be sent to affiliates.

Items 1-3 should be addressed to Executive Director at the CSB.

Report from Ben Toma/CSB:

- Request for recommendations to the MH/MR/SA Residential Services Proposed General Rules and Regulations for Program Participants.
- The issue was tabled for the next meeting
- An electronic version will be sent to committee members for review and suggestions.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.