

ALEXANDRIA LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Minutes of February 18, 2009 meeting

Community Services Board Offices

Alexandria, Virginia

Committee Members Present: Gerylee Baron, Jim Ewalt, Kelly Hauck, Molly O'Shea, Deborah Sikes, and Scott Singleton. Members Excused: Marisa Brown, Mary LoCicero, and M. Andrea Rakmanov. Also present: Phil Caldwell, CSB; Diana Sabados, CSB Liaison; and, Tim Simmons, Senior Human Rights Advocate.

Call to Order:

A quorum was declared and the meeting was called to order by The Chair, Gerylee Baron, at 7:21 PM.

LHRC Business:

Amrita Banergee submitted her resignation from the Committee. Kelly moved and Scott seconded that Amitra's resignation be accepted. The motion was adopted. This leaves the Committee with nine active members.

Approval of Minutes for Web Posting:

Minutes of the May 21, 2008 meeting were deferred until the next meeting.

Kelly moved and Scott seconded that the minutes of the August 20, 2008 meeting be approved. The motion was adopted.

Minutes of the October 15, 2008 meeting were deferred until the next meeting.

Scott moved and Debbie seconded that the minutes of the November 19, 2008 meeting be approved. The motion was adopted.

Minutes of the January 21, 2009 meeting were deferred until the next meeting.

Kelly moved and Molly seconded that the minutes of the February 11, 2009 meeting be approved. The motion was adopted.

Report from the State Human Rights Advocate:

Tim distributed for informational purposes, a memorandum regarding the expansion of LHRC's due to the increased number of providers in the state. This applies more directly to other areas of the State.

Tim led a discussion about the use of "time outs" and whether they constitute a restraint thereby LHRC approval before being included in behavior plans. This issue arose during the presentation by Heritage Multicultural of program procedures at the November 19, 2008 meeting. It was decided that additional information is needed from Heritage Multicultural to assure that their use of time outs is consistent with the State regulations. Heritage Multicultural will be asked to address this issue at the March 2009 meeting.

On another matter, the Committee will examine its by-laws to determine if they need any revisions.

Report from the Alexandria CSB Human Rights Liaison:

Diana reported on three completed investigations. No further action was taken on any of them.

The Committee informed Diana that the LHRC letter regarding behavior plans will be ready within the next week.

The Committee was updated on the behavioral plans for JF and JP.

Tim reminded the Committee that it needs to identify its goals as well as progress made to achieve them. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Adjournment:

Molly moved and Debbie seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for 7 PM on Wednesday, March 18, 2009, at the CSB offices in Alexandria.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Ewalt, Secretary