

DRAFT MINUTES
ATLANTIC REGIONAL LOCAL HUMANRIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Date of Meeting: December 8, 2008

Members Present: Valerie Guess; Karen Etheridge; Kiana Hargrove, RN

Others Present: Reginald Daye ,Regional Advocate; Marsha Simpkins, Peaceful Surroundings, LLC; Vimal Amin, Divine House, LLC; Yvonne Williams, Neighborhood Empowerment and Transformation, Inc.; Darrin Adams, Pathways Development Services, Inc.; Richard Mason, Oasis Counseling Center; Daniel Brown, Oasis Counseling Center; Renna D. Ebron, New Hope Family & Youth Relations, Inc.

- **Call to Order:** Ms. Valerie Guess, acting LHRC Chair, called the meeting order at 11:45a.m. The meeting was held at Southeastern Virginia Training Center, located at 2100 Steppingstone Square, Chesapeake VA 23320-2591.

- **Adoption of Agenda:**

The local human rights committee voted to adopt the meeting agenda as submitted.

- **Approval of Minutes:**

The LHRC voted to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2008, meeting as submitted.

- **Old Business:**

Reginald Daye, Regional Advocate, informed the members of the local human rights committee that on December 5, 2008, the State Human Rights Committee approved their bylaws as submitted.

Mr. Daye was asked to go over the draft affiliation agreement which was mailed to the committee members several weeks prior to the meeting. Copies of the draft affiliation agreement were disseminated to the providers in attendance. The local human rights committee voted to approve the affiliation agreement which will go into affect immediately for any providers seeking to affiliate with the Atlantic Regional Local Human Rights Committee. **In approving the affiliation agreement, the local human rights committee has indicated that it shall enforce the affiliate attendance requirement in accordance with its bylaws and the regulations as follows: “A provider’s affiliation will be changed from a permanent to a 90-day temporary, by vote of the LHRC, if a representative is not present for a scheduled LHRC meeting. The provider is required to attend the next scheduled meeting, explain the absence and request the affiliation be restored to a permanent status. This decision will rest with the LHRC.**

All temporary affiliations are 90 days and will expire if a representative is not present for a scheduled LHRC meeting to request a continuation of the 90-day affiliation. (This will be reported to the Office of Licensure by the Regional Advocate). The provider will be required to attend the next scheduled meeting, explain the absence and request to be reinstated to a 90-day temporary affiliation. If the affiliate is not represented at the next meeting, the affiliation with the LHRC by said provider may be terminated. The decision will rest with the LHRC.”

This language is included in the affiliation agreement.

The local human rights committee also voted to require a \$300 annual affiliation fee for all new program affiliates. This fee will be reviewed on an annual basis to determine if it should be reduced or terminated.

- **New Business:**

The committee entertained requests for temporary affiliation from the following providers: Oasis Counseling Center and New Hope Family & Youth Relations, Inc.

1. Ms. Renna Ebron of New Hope Family and Youth Relations, Inc. presented an overview of her program and the client population they plan to serve. The New Hope Family & Youth Relations program is planning to provide intensive in-home services. The program is located at 601 North Mechanic Street, Suite 126, Franklin, Virginia, 23851. **The local human rights committee voted to grant New Hope Family & Youth Relations, Inc. a 90-day temporary affiliation.** The local human rights committee also agreed to review the program’s Rules of Conduct and Behavior Management Policy at its next scheduled meeting.

2. Mr. Richard Mason of the Oasis Counseling Center provided the committee with an overview of his intensive in-home program and client population they plan to serve. The program is located at 2697 International Parkway, Building 2, Suite 101, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23452. The program’s telephone number is (757) 301-7129. **The local human rights committed voted to grant Oasis Counseling Center a 90-day temporary affiliation with the committee.** The LHRC agreed to review the Oasis Counseling Center program Rules of Conduct and Behavior Management Policy at its next meeting.

- **General Information:**

The local human rights committee voted to appoint Mr. Richard Mason of Oasis Counseling Center as the provider support treasurer.

The local human rights committee voted to appoint Ms. Renna Ebron of New Hope Family & Youth Relations, Inc., as the LHRC Support Secretary for the next 12 months.

- **Public Comment:**

There were no individuals who wished to address the committee during the public comment period.

- **Provider Reports:**

1. New Hope Family & Youth Relations, Inc. is presently not licensed, therefore no report is required.

2. Oasis Counseling Center indicated that it has received its license and has not admitted any patients into its program.

- **Closed Session (Virginia Code 2.2-3711A):**

There was no closed session required during this meeting.

- **Meeting Location:**

The Atlantic Regional Local Human Rights Committee agreed to meet at: the Oasis Counseling Center located at 2697 International Parkway, Building 2, Suite 101, Virginia Beach, Virginia, 23452, telephone number (757) 301-7129, for its next scheduled meeting, which will be held at 9:00 a.m. on February 9, 2009.

- **Election of Officers:**

The local human rights committee voted to appoint Ms. Valerie Guess as Chairperson; Ms. Kiana Hargrove as Secretary, and Ms. Karen Etheridge as Vice Chair.

- **Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the local human rights committee voted to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

