

**APPROVED**  
**CENTRAL VIRGINIA COMMUNITY SERVICES**  
**LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MINUTES**

May 23, 2006  
Presbyterian Home Chapel

**Members Present:** *Robert Cardwell*, Chairperson; *Anne Breeden*; *Pamela Felici*; *Katherine Oulds*

**Members Absent:** *Sarah Coppola*; *Doug Wigner*, excused

**Others Present:** *Sherry Miles*, Regional Advocate; *Sharon Levin*, Administrative Support; *Wanjema Muhoro*, Able Homes; *Donna Nash*, Central VA Community Services; *Dashia Womack*, Braley & Thompson; *Cynthia Eubanks*, *Paulette Garland*, Heart Havens; *Blanche Laury*, Laury Homes; *Dana Odom*, The Madeline Center; *Tracie Poindexter*, Poindexter's Residential; *Dana Hudson*, Presbyterian Home; *Felicia Peterson*, Saint Aaron's; *Deborah Spanich*, Strategic; *Sharon Robinson*, *Chip Dodd*, Support Services; *Gail Dutchess*, *Jenise Wade*, Wall Residences; *Stephanie Massie*, Windsor Manor; *Tajuana Knight*, Wynne's Adult Care

**Affiliates Absent:** Jessie Calloway Family Services, Meridian House (excused)

**CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Mr. Cardwell called the meeting to order and invited everyone to introduce him or herself.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**The Committee unanimously passed a motion to approve the minutes for the March 21, 2006, meeting as written.**

**RECRUITMENT**

Mr. Cardwell reported that the Committee still needs a consumer member. A "consumer" is anyone who is currently receiving or has received services from a public or private sector provider within the past 5 years in mental health, mental retardation, or substance abuse. Contact Ms. Miles for an application.

**REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL LHRC AFFILIATION – Windsor Manor**

Ms. Massie reported that **Windsor Manor** is expanding and now has a residential group home for four adults with mental retardation in the Fort Hill area. They have not yet received licensure. **The Committee unanimously passed a motion to accept the request for additional LHRC affiliation from Windsor Manor.**

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Ms. Levin distributed the Financial Report from July 2004 through December 2005, which stated an opening balance of \$2697.71 and an ending balance of \$2185.47. Expenditures since then have totaled \$278.27, bringing the current balance to \$1907.20. The committee concluded this is a sufficient amount to support the Committee at this time. Ms. Miles said once fees for the fall State Human Rights Committee (SHRC) training are known, the committee can decide if affiliates need to pay dues.

## **REGIONAL ADVOCATES REPORT**

Ms. Miles distributed and reviewed the contents of the spring issue of the SHRC newsletter, "Human Writes." For details of any item referred to, visit the Department's website. The newsletter can be viewed and suggestions made at [SHRC.newsletter@co.dmhmr.sas.virginia.gov](mailto:SHRC.newsletter@co.dmhmr.sas.virginia.gov). The new human rights regulations remain in the Governor's office awaiting his signature. Comments can be submitted on the Department's website. The SHRC/LHRC training is scheduled for September 7 & 8 in Richmond at the Holiday Inn-Kroger Center. Ms. Miles will share more information as she learns it.

## **PROGRAM UPDATES**

**Able Homes** reported no complaints, abuse, or neglect. **Braley and Thompson** reported no complaints, abuse, or neglect. They are waiting for their Lynchburg office to be officially added to their license. **CVCS** reported 13 complaints: two founded, with one founded case of abuse. An interim director is currently serving at the agency, which has sent a job description for director to the State for approval. Ms. Nash asked that anyone who has dealt with "Do not resuscitate" orders contact her; she has been attending Ethics Committee meetings to explore this issue. As chair of the waiver committee, she reports that no new waivers for individuals with mental retardation are foreseen in the future and openings will become available only if a consumer dies or moves into an Intermediate Care Facility (ICF). **Heart Havens** reports no complaints, abuse, or neglect. Their regional manager has left; the current contact person is Terry Barnes, regional manager for the east. **Laury Homes** reports one complaint, which was founded as neglect. **Madeline Center**, which serves about 15 consumers in Lynchburg, received licensure April 15 and reported no complaints, abuse, or neglect. **Poindexter** serves seven consumers with mental retardation or disabilities and reports no changes. They are in the process of changing to an adult care facility. **Presbyterian Home** reported no complaints, abuse, or neglect. **St. Aaron's**, providing residential services for adults, reported no changes. **Strategic** reported no complaints, abuse, or neglect. Their therapeutic day support program relocated and thus can serve more consumers and accommodate their summer camp. **Support Services** reported no complaints, abuse, or neglect, and they have two new sponsors and three new consumers. **Wall Residences** serves 57 and reports one peer-to-peer incident. L'Arche continues to serve under them. Two existing services have been relocated, four individuals have entered, and one has left. **Windsor Manor** reported no complaints, abuse, or neglect. **Wynne** reported no complaints, abuse, or neglect, and no changes.

## **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 18, 2006** at 4:00 p.m. at the ARC on Bedford Avenue.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**The Committee unanimously passed a motion to adjourn the meeting.**