

FINAL
CHESTER REGIONAL LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE (CRLHRC)
December 10, 2009

Members Present:

Mr. Lawrence Gholson, II, Chair
Ms. Danielle Hunt, Co-Chair
Mrs. Letta Jones, Secretary
Mr. Greg Hopkins
Mr. Dennis Winston

Others Present:

Ms. Carrie Flowers, Human Rights Advocate

Affiliates Present:

Mr. Faron Brown, Outreach Training & Support Center
Mr. William Garrison, New Heights, Inc.
Ms. Sandra Garrison, New Heights, Inc.
Mr. Yuri Norrell, Taylor, Intensive Community Outreach Services, LLC
Ms. Kia Roquemore, Life Touch Services
Mr. Lucius Alford, Sr., Life Touch Services
Ms. Adrienne Edwards, Youth & Family Dynamics In-Home Services, LLC
Ms. Mysha Rush, Youth & Family Dynamics In-Home Services, LLC
Mr. Allen Jackson, Youth & Family Dynamics In-Home Services, LLC
Ms. Joan Lewis, E & M Residential, LLC
Ms. Tomise Crossin, Alternative Interventions Family Services
Ms. Vashima Harris, Alternative Interventions Family Services
Ms. Montoria Liggans, Alternative Interventions Family Services
Mr. Troy Corley, Ivan, Joseph & Allan, LLC
Mr. Tory Gilbert, Ivan, Joseph & Allan, LLC
Mr. Arthur Peebles, Atiba Youth Interventions
Mr. Donald Wheeler, Atiba Youth Interventions
Mr. Leonard Wiley, Atiba Youth Interventions
Ms. Bridget Olugbemi, Compassionate Hearts Family Services
Ms. Katie Fields, The Bair Foundation
Mr. Sharon McClendon, Cornerstone Youth Services, LLC.
Mr. Jimmy Christmas, River City Comprehensive Counseling Services, LLC.
Ms. Kathleen Levenston, Paradise Home Car, Inc (Home for Good)

Affiliates Absent:

El Shaddai Adult Group Home

I. Call to Order

A quorum being present, Chair Lawrence Gholson, II called Chester Regional Local Human Rights Committee meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. at the Southside Community Service Center. Mr. Gholson asked for introductions from all committee members.

II. Approval of September 17, 2009 minutes

Ms. Danielle Hunt, Co-Chair, made a motion to approve draft minutes and a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Mr. Dennis Winston. Mr. Gholson asked if there were any needed discussion regarding the minutes. There were no responses between the affiliates and the committee members; minutes were voted and approved.

III. Public Comments

Mr. Gholson thanked Outreach Training and Support Center for hosting the meeting and for providing refreshments and food. Mr. Pierre Graham from Northwestern Mutual spoke briefly regarding financial services and advice for interested parties. Mr. Jimmy Christmas wanted to make all affiliates aware of the present changes regarding in-home services made within the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services. Mr. Allen Jackson from Youth and Family Dynamics inquired about the process for a program expansion and the proper procedure; in addition to the difficulties of pulling up the verification form on the website.

IV. Old Business

No old business to conduct.

V. New Business

Program Expansions

River City- Mental Health Support Services

Mr. Jimmy Christmas presented in regards to the expansion program for River City. He stated that Mental Health Support Service is designed for clients 16 years and older with significant psychiatric functional limitations to achieve and maintain community stability and independence. The program will provide ISP, assessments, employment needs and all other basic needs and medication with a 1:5 ratio. Motion made by Ms. Danielle Hunt to approve the program expansion and motion Seconded by Dennis Winston for approval for affiliation.

Life Touch Services, LLC- Addition of New Location

Mr. Lucius Alford, Sr. presented for Life Touch Services. He is requesting affiliation for an additional facility named Tony's Place that will provide the same services as Life

Touch, serving adults with intellectual disabilities. The maximum capacity for the new facility is eight and the new location is at 6612 Ironside Drive, Richmond, VA 23234. Ms. Danielle Hunt made a motion to approve the additional location and motion seconded by Dennis Winston for approval.

ATIBA Youth Intervention Services, LLC- Therapeutic Day Treatment Program

Mr. Donald Wheeler presented for ATIBA Youth Intervention Services. He is requesting affiliation for the expansion program of Therapeutic Day Treatment. The age range for the program is from 5-18 for at risk youths who are having problems within the school setting. The agency will be responsible for transportation. They are looking into twenty initial clients and are currently working on an after-school location. Mr. Gholson directed Mr. Wheeler to provide additional information regarding specific schools and locations at the next meeting. Motion made by Ms. Danielle Hunt and the motion seconded by Mr. Dennis Winston for affiliation approval.

Youth and Family Dynamics- Therapeutic Day Treatment Program

Mysha Rush presented for Youth and Family Dynamics for their request for Therapeutic Day Treatment Program expansion. She stated they are working with Armstrong High School and Albert Hill Middle School, with a ratio of 1:5 for the new program. They provided additional information on the mission statement, program goals, also provided human rights information. A few minutes were taken for the committee members to review the information provided. They do not have after school services, but plan to provide this service in the near future. Ms. Danielle Hunt asked about the crisis management in the school. Ms. Rush stated staff would provide the “cool down” process and if the process did not work then they would utilize ISS as an alternative. Ms Flowers asked what staff would do if the previous mentioned options did not work. Ms. Rush responded that a parent/ teacher conference would take place for the later date, but added staff would utilized their training in TOVA. Ms. Rush also added the principal of the school would be contacted as well. When assessments are done the school and parties are aware of staff’s usage of TOVA. Ms. Danielle Hunt stated staff needs to be aware of the distinction between student of the school and the client of their program. Mr. Gholson encouraged Ms. Rush to educate the school on the previously stated information and their overall program. Ms. Rush also stated they will work with pro-bono cases, if a student needs services, but does not have Medicaid. The intention is for every 10 kids that have Medicaid; they can take one youth free of services. Mr. Gholson also provided Ms. Rush with a case scenario question for her response. Ms. Danielle Hunt also asked about how they plan to conduct the psycho-educational groups. A motion was first made by Greg Hopkins and seconded by Danielle Hunt for affiliation approval.

VI. Human Rights Activities Reports

Intensive Community Outreach Services

27 staff and 70 consumers- reported a serious incident where a counselor was informed of abuse by a parent, but no reports were founded-no complaints.

Life Touch Services

10 staff, 8 consumers and no complaints.

New Heights, Inc.

No staff, consumers or complaints.

Outreach Training & Support Center

4 staff, 3 consumers and no complaints.

Youth & Family Dynamics

23 staff, 60 consumers and no complaints. Change in Clinical Director.

Alternative Interventions

8 staff, 14 consumers and no complaints.

El Shaddai Adult Group Home

Not present.

Ivan, Joseph & Allan, LLC.

7 staff and 3 consumers and no complaints. Informed committee members of new address.

ATIBA Youth Interventions

20 staff, 25 consumers and no complaints.

E & M Residential

8 staff, 3 consumers and no complaints.

Compassionate Hearts

5 staff, 1 consumer and no complaints.

The Bair Foundation of Virginia

4 staff, 11 consumers and no complaints.

River City Comprehensive

25 staff, 60 consumers and no complaints.

Paradise Homecare/Home for Good

9 staff, 26 consumers and no complaints. One year license received.

Cornerstone Youth Services

8 staff, 30 consumers and no complaints. One year license received.

Motion made by Ms. Danielle Hunt to accept the Human Rights Activity Reports and motion seconded by Mr. Greg Hopkins; voted and approved.

VII. Advocates Report

New Human Rights Verification Process: Ms. Flowers previously discussed in the public comments section. Ms. Flowers also reiterated to committee members that consumers are needed for Local Human Rights Committees and if they know of any interested individuals please call the Office of Human Rights.

VIII. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 18, 2010, at 5:00 p.m., at Southside Community Service Center. Alternative Interventions Family Services and New Heights, Inc. are responsible for the next meeting refreshments.

IX. Adjournment

There would be no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 6:07p.m.