

**CHESTER REGIONAL LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE (CRLHRC)**  
**June 22, 2010**  
**DRAFT**

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Ms. Carrie Flowers, Human Rights Advocate

Members Absent:

Mr. Lawrence Gholson, II, Chair

Affiliates Present:

Mr., Kimberlyn Brown Outreach Training & Support Center  
Mr. William Garrison, New Heights, Inc.  
Mr. Yuri Norrell, Intensive Community Outreach Services, LLC  
Ms. Lucius Alford, Sr. Life Touch Services  
Ms. Ebony Harris, Youth & Family Dynamics In-Home Services, LLC  
Mr. Allen Jackson, Youth & Family Dynamics In-Home Services, LLC  
Ms. Myisha Rush, Youth & Family Dynamics In-Home Services, LLC  
Ms. Cathy Elliott, Youth & Family Dynamics In-Home Services, LLC  
Ms. Joan Lewis, E & M Residential, LLC  
Ms. Mentoria Liggins, Alternative Interventions Family Services  
Mr. Arthur Peebles, Atiba Youth Interventions  
Mr. Donald Wheeler, Atiba Youth Interventions  
Mr. Leo Wiley, Atiba Youth Interventions  
Ms. Bridget Olugbemi, Compassionate Hearts Family Services  
Ms. Kathleen Levenston, Paradise Homecare  
Ms. Lisa Duez, The Bair Foundation  
Mr. Moses McClendon, II, Cornerstone Youth Services, Inc.  
Mr. Jimmy Christmas, River City Comprehensive Counseling Services, LLC.  
Ms. Nicole Culbreth, DYVINE Youth Services, LLC.  
Ms. Rocio Watson, DYVINE Youth Services, LLC.  
Ms. Alexa Fillion, DYVINE Youth Services, LLC.  
Ms. Laura Mosby, DYVINE Youth Services, LLC.  
Mr. Clifton Cooper, YES Kids Count, LLC.  
Mr. Vernon Oliver, Lighthouse Group Home  
Ms. Charlynn Small, PhD, Lighthouse Group Home  
Ms. Dorothy Ragsdale, TriCity Solutions  
Mr. Charles Baker, TriCity Solutions  
Mr. Troy Covtey, Ivan, Joseph & Allan

Mr. Dale Ware, Ivan Joseph & Allan

Affiliates Absent:

El Shaddai Adult Group Home

I. Welcome/Call to Order

A quorum being present, Co-Chair Danielle Hunt called Chester Regional Local Human Rights Committee meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. in the Southside Community Service Center. Ms. Danielle Hunt asked for introductions from all committee members.

II. Approval of March 18, 2010 minutes

Minutes reviewed and motion approved from March 18, 2010 meeting.

III. Public Comments

Ms. Hunt, thanked Ivan, Joseph and Allan, for providing the food for the meeting and opened the floor for public comments. Mr. Christmas discussed petitions to assist providers with the changes in the regulations that effect providers immediately and long term. Mr. Norrell from ICOS added to the changes with the responsibilities of the QMHP and LMHP. Vernon Oliver from Lighthouse Group Home, also spoke about the concerns and that some organizations are family organizations and with the changes taking place people who have been vested in their positions can no longer work for agencies because of the new changes being made. Mr. Christmas stated that he would email the information to affiliates and would keep everyone informed.

IV. Old Business

None reported.

V. New Business

A. Program Expansions

Cornerstone Youth Services, Inc.

Request to start a mental health support program and is also expanding their in-home services. Mr. McClendon, II, stated he noticed that the families they work with providing in-home services also need mental health support services. Client to staff ratio 4:1 and the age range is 18 and older. They intend to service clients with substance abuse issues. At the time, Mr. McClendon, II could not provide information on the exclusionary criteria for the program. He added that TOVA with hands off approach is the restraint. Motion to accept the new program made by Greg Hopkins and seconded by Dennis Winston.

Youth and Family Dynamics, LLC.

Requested to expand their program outside the immediate area into Petersburg for in-home services. A motion was not made as Petersburg office falls under this LHRC they are not adding a new program just a new office in Petersburg.

B. Request for Affiliation

Lighthouse Group Home

Dr. Small and Vernon Oliver requested to open up a male group home in Chesterfield County, age range between 12-17 and 1:4 staff ratio. Crisis Wave Restraint. They intend to use Social Services as one referral source, as well as referrals from working in the field for an extended time frame. Dr. Smalls is the CAO and will oversee the daily operations, daily counseling and individual counseling as well as supervision of staff. The committee did not receive the policies and procedures, but stated they would forward to committee before the next meeting with Ms. Flowers having the original copy.

Y.E.S. Kids Count, LLC

Clifton Cooper, CAO for the organization requested affiliated for the Intensive In-Home Program.

Tri City Solutions

Charles Baker, Administrative Director and Ms. Ragsdale, Program Director requested affiliation for an Adult Group Home that will serve males and females. Clients will participate in their day support program during the day and staff will have a schedule for their clients during the evenings and weekends. They intend to have contractors with PHD and psychologist. All staff will be trained in Tova in addition to direct care staff training. Training with staff will be quarterly in addition to training of human rights. Ms. Flowers asked about the seclusion part in the human rights policies and procedures. Ms. Hunt asked who would be providing the training completed quarterly. Ms. Ragsdale stated she would provide some as much training to staff as possible. The maximum capacity per room is 5-2 individuals. The committee also asked how staff would be trained to deal with clients with such a broad IQ range from their program which is 35-70 and he able to cohabitate with others in the environment.

D.Y.V.I.N.E. Youth Services, LLC.

Ms. Culbreth requested affiliation for a new Intensive In-Home program with the age ranges between 6-17 years of age. Their target population is Hispanic communities as the plan to hire bilingual staff, including psychologist. All marketing literature will be provided in both languages. Referrals are from DSS, outpatient referrals, court systems, partnerships and community based services. Referrals are for at-risk youths who are at

risk for being removed from the home. Committee had questions about the restrictions on freedoms of everyday life that were indicated in their policies and procedures. Ms. Gonzalez gave her background to the committee who is bi-lingual with years of service in this field. TOVA is the restraint used. The Human Rights advocate for the organization is Ms. Culbreath and Ms. Mosley.

**Motion made for the approval for all affiliates made by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Winston.**

C. Human Rights Activities Reports

**Intensive Community Outreach Services**

30 staff and 59 consumers, 3 clinicians- no activities to report or program changes.

**Life Touch Services**

15 staff, 10 consumers and 2 allegations. Mr. L. Alford described the first allegation made- no facts founded. Second allegation, founded and resulted in termination of employee and report to Licensing and Human Rights. Program also received three year license.

**New Heights, Inc.**

1 staff, 1 consumer and no complaints.

**Outreach Training & Support Center**

5 staff, 4 consumers and no complaints.

**Youth & Family Dynamics**

Intensive In-Home Services- 2 Clinicians, 14 staff, 28 consumers and no complaints.

Day Treatment Services- 5 Staff and 0 Consumers.

**Alternative Interventions**

7 staff, 11 consumers and no complaints.

**El Shaddai Adult Group Home**

Not Present

**Ivan, Joseph & Allan, LLC.**

7 Staff, 2 Consumer and one complaint against human rights which was resolved.

**Atiba Youth Interventions**

10 staff, 20 consumers and no complaints.

**E & M Residential**

8 staff, 3 consumers and no complaints.

**Compassionate Hearts**

7 staff, 2 consumer and no complaints.

**The Bair Foundation of Virginia**

4 staff, 7 consumers and no complaints.

**River City Comprehensive**

Intensive In-Home- 22 staff, 32 consumer's one reported incident of allegation that was resolved.

Mental Health Support- 1 staff and 7 on a waiting list.

**Paradise Homecare/Home for Good**

12 staff, 32 consumers, no complaints, made a note of one reported injury.

**Cornerstone Youth Services**

10 staff, 38 consumers, no complaints or changes in program.

**Motion made by committee to accept the Human Rights Activities Report by G. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Winston.**

VI. Advocates Report

Ms. Flowers wanted to ensure that all affiliates have the letter regarding Crisis Wave and the requirement for all affiliates to retake class again.

Ms. Flowers also stated to providers that recruitment is needed for upcoming LHRC members.

VII. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 9, 2010, at 5:05 p.m., at Southside Community Service Center. E & M Residential and El Shaddai are responsible for the next meeting refreshments.

VIII. Adjournment

There would be no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 5:00p.m.