

FINAL
Chesterfield Local Human Rights Committee (CLHRC)
January 28, 2008

Members Present:

Ms. Trish Angle, Chair
Dr. Analie Rademaker
Ms. Mauretta Copeland

Others Present:

Mr. James Bowser, Regional Advocate, OHR
Ms. Ansley Perkins, OHR
Ms. Diane McClure, Advanced Services for Kids

Staff Present:

Ms. Karen Mingloski, Chesterfield CSB
Mr. David Mangano, Chesterfield CSB

Affiliates Present:

Ms. Inger Wyatt, Covenant Homes, LLC
Ms. Chris Joyce, Grafton Schools
Ms. Christina Rivers, Rivers Assisted Living, LLC
Ms. Leonett Reese, Rivers Assisted Living, LLC
Mrs. Amel Shelton, Quality Life Family Services, LLC
Mr. Richard Kingswell, Kids in Focus
Ms. Sheena Lyle, Lyle Professional Consulting
Ms. Shona Parham, J&M Adult Care Services
Ms. Danielle Hunt, Youth Empowerment Services
Mr. Jerome Jones, Jerolin Management Services
Ms. Patricia Burchett, Langhorne Family Care

1. Call to Order

A quorum being present, Chair Trish Angle called the Chesterfield Local Human Rights Committee meeting to order at 5:37pm in the Rogers Building, Chesterfield Community Services Board. Mrs. Angle asked for introductions of those present.

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2007 meeting, as presented.
Ayes: Dr. Rademaker, Ms. Angle, Ms. Copeland

3. Matters of the Public

Chair Angle entertained comments to open the floor for items of interest to the committee. No matters of the public were brought before the LHRC.

4. Old Business

Mr. Kingswell reported that Kids in Focus has been purchased by ResCare, Inc. and due to close the deal on Thursday. The executive director is Lisa Reid, and she will attend the next LHRC meeting.

5. New Business

a. Providers

1. Affiliation Request

Advanced Services for Kids. LLC

Ms. Diane McClure requested affiliation of Advanced Services for Kids, LLC. This program will serve up to four boys, ages 6-12 years old, in a home located in Henrico County. Children will attend Henrico County public school or a private day school; and, staffing ratio is 1:4, with a full-time LCSW as program director.

A review of the program handbook was conducted, with a recommendation to be more specific regarding hygiene items. The program is based on an allowance and any damages are to be paid by the child with allowance money. The children understand the program, and the goal is that the children should not have a deficit in their account. Ms. McClure agreed to re-write or arrange the document so that it is clearer. Concepts of program are good, although Dr. Rademaker expressed concern about age groups, recommending they should be split in half.

Advanced Services for Kids utilizes Therapeutic Options of Virginia (TOVA); and, they do not use seclusion or time-out rooms. This should be clarified in the handbook. All recommended revisions should be made to the handbook, and return for review at the next meeting.

A motion was made, seconded and voted to approve the affiliation request of **Advanced Services for Kids, LLC** pending the recommended changes of the children's handbook. The affiliation agreement was signed and the annual affiliation fee paid.

2. Event Report Statistics

Ms. Angle entertained reports from each provider on events occurring during the period of November 1 through December 31, 2007.

Chesterfield CSB - Mr. Mangano reported no formal or informal complaints; 3 attempted suicides, and 1 death.

Covenant Homes – Ms. Wyatt reported 1 allegation of neglect, which was founded, and the staff member resigned. A miscellaneous report of an incident was described where a client fell and was taken to Patient First; parent declined additional treatment. APS was contact and they did not respond to request.

Grafton Schools – Ms. Joyce reported 1 allegation of abuse; CPS & Licensing were notified and did not investigate. Grafton's internal investigation was unfounded.

J & M Adult Care Services, Inc. – Ms. Parham reported no events.

Jerolin Management Services – Mr. Jones reported no events.

Kids in Focus, Kids in Focus II, Girls in Focus, Little Kids In Focus, Little Kids in Focus II – Kids in Focus had 1 informal complaint. The investigation leads management to believe that the comments happened, and will conduct additional training with staff. The client was satisfied with the investigation and that staff were addressed. The LHRC recommended the report be rewritten and resubmitted. **Kids In Focus, II, Girls In Focus, Little Kids in Focus, and Little Kids in Focus II**, reported no events.

Langhorne Family Care – Ms. Burchett reported no events.

Lyle Professional Consulting – Ms. Lyle reported no events

Quality Life Services – Mrs. Shelton reported no events.

Rivers Assisted Living - Ms. Reese reported no events.

Youth Empowerment Services – Ms. Hunt reported 6 allegations of neglect. Items #3 and #5 were founded. Ms. Hunt reviewed #6, finding no negligence because the program is for independent living clients, and JM declined to press charges.

6. Announcements / Updates

Mr. Mangano provided an update on legislative items including the bill for rate increases and budget amendments for 725 more waiver slots. Dr. Rademaker noted that it's nice publicity about the person who has a slot, but there are 3500 remaining on the urgent waiting list. Mr. Mangano said there were about 75 speakers from this area testifying at the budget hearing. The Coalition Rally was well attended by approximately 650 people; however, those lying on the grass supporting the gun control bills overshadowed the Rally.

Mr. Bowser introduced Ansley Perkins, a new staff member with the Office of Human Rights. Ms. Perkins is cross-trained for facility and community programming.

Mr. Bowser reported on the Variance request from Youth Empowerment Services (YES). In order to continue to operate without windows in the bedrooms, the LHRC considered in October and disapproved the request. It was appealed and considered by the State Human Rights Committee (SHRC) in late October, but deferred the item until they could meet at YES to visually see location. The SHRC met in December, and the minutes reflect that a motion was made and approved to provide YES a one-year grace period to install windows/skylights in the bedrooms.

Mr. Bowser reminded all providers that the human rights regulations require that all human rights complaints be reported. Regulations became effective September 19, 2007. At tonight's meeting, the event reports are not reflecting complaints - all complaints have to be reported. Please be sure to accurately reports events. Also, Mr. Bowser's office has not received any updated human rights policies and procedures from the providers at this meeting. Providers should verify to Margaret Walsh (Office of Human Rights Director) that

their policies and procedures have been updated and are in compliance with the regulations, and a copy of the policies and procedures be sent to Mr. Bowser's office.

Ms. Copeland provided information on the Virginia Board for People with Disabilities Youth Leadership Forum. This is a training program for high school junior and seniors to take on leadership roles. It will be held at Christopher Newport University at no cost.

The Chesterfield LHRC is currently recruiting two members in the each of the following areas: consumer professional interest.

Mrs. Mingloski noted the next regular meeting will be held at Chesterfield CSB (Rogers Building) on March 24, 2008 and reminded all providers to submit the event reports for the reporting period of January and February by **March 7, 2008**.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting will be held **Monday, March 24, 2008**, in the Rogers Building Board Room.