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Chesterfield Local Human Rights Committee (CLHRC)
June 19, 2006

Members Present:

Mr. Hasan Zarif, Chair
Rev. Hazel Greenhowe
Dr. Analie Rademaker

Members Absent:

Ms. Trish Angle
Ms. Claire Velzy
Mr. Joe Christian

Others Present:

Mr. James Bowser, Regional Advocate, OHR

Staff Present:

Ms. Karen Mingloski

Affiliates Present:

Mr. Stephen Parson, Youth Empowerment Services

Absent (Excused):

Ms. Inger Wyatt, Covenant Homes, LLC
Ms. Chris Joyce, Grafton Schools
Ms. Dawn Hancock, J&M Adult Care Services
Ms. Sheena Lyle, Lyle Professional Consulting
Ms. Lynn Sivels, Rivers Assisted Living
Mr. Eric Brown, Langhorne Family Care
Ms. Linda Jones, Jerolin Management Services
Ms. Margaret Moore, J&M Adult Care Services
Mr. Milton Langhorne, Langhorne Family Care
Mrs. Delores Langhorne, Langhorne Family Care
Ms. Christina Rivers, Rivers Assisted Living
Mr. Isaac Abraham, Verita Youth & Family Services
Ms. Nancy Crawley, Second Chance at Life, Inc.
Mr. Mark Adams, Second Chance at Life, Inc.
Mr. Larry Williams, Kids In Focus, Inc.
Mr. Richard Kingswell, Kids In Focus, Inc.
Mr. Jerome Jones, Jerolin Management Services

1. Call to Order

A quorum being present, Chair Hasan Zarif called the Chesterfield Local Human Rights Committee meeting to order at 3:12 pm at Chesterfield Community Services Board, 6801 Lucy Corr Boulevard.

2. Matters of the Public

Mr. Zarif entertained comments to open the floor for items of interest to the committee.

3. Old Business

There was no old business brought before the LHRC.

LHRC members provided a brief recap of the May 22 meeting, stating that during the event report review, many of the providers were asked to make revisions to their reports to include more details about the events and outcome.

4. New Business

a. Providers

➤ **Youth Empowerment Services – Crisis Receiving Center**

Mr. Steve Parson of Youth Empowerment Services reviewed the clothing policy for the Crisis Receiving Center. Mr. Bowser reviewed the policy and stated the policy is in compliance with the Human Rights Regulations. The LHRC approved the revised policy dated May 31, 2006.

The LHRC discussed the Youth & Guardian Handbook for the Crisis Receiving Center. Committee members shared comments that the handbook is restrictive and limitations listed read like the program is a maximum-security forensic unit. Mr. Parson replied that many of his clients are inappropriate for a group home setting, yet they do not need a psychiatric admission. This is a secure facility to conduct assessments over a 60-day period.

Mr. Bowser concurred with the LHRC's comments, stating the tone of the handbook and overall impression is that it is a restrictive environment.

The LHRC conducted a thorough review of the Youth and Guardian Handbook with Mr. Parson, making language change recommendations and paragraph edits as necessary. Mr. Parson was in agreement to make the changes as discussed.

Mr. Bowser recommended the revised document come back to the LHRC for review and approval at the next meeting.

The LHRC thanked Mr. Parson for working with the committee to ensure the rights of individuals served in his program.

5. Announcements/Updates

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be held Monday, **July 24, 2006, at 5:30p.m.** at the Rogers Building, Chesterfield Community Services Board, 6801 Lucy Corr Boulevard.