

Chesterfield Local Human Rights Committee (CLHRC)

September 28, 2009

Committee Members Present:

Dr. Analie Rademaker, Chair
Ms. Mauretta Copeland, Vice Chair
Ms. Roxanna Ronquillo
Mr. Charles Armstrong
Ms. Carrie Flowers, Human Rights Advocate

Staff:

Ms. Karen Mingloski, Chesterfield CSB

Guests:

Mr. James Holdren, Chesterfield CSB
Mr. Craig Gross
Ms. Barbara Mason-Brown, A Dab of Hope, LLC
Ms. Margaret Dabney, A Dab of Hope, LLC
Mr. Steve Dabney, A Dab of Hope, LLC
Ms. Tanikka Newton, Second Chances Youth Services
Mr. Damion Mason, Second Chances Youth Services

Affiliates Present

Ms. Karyn Padgett, Chesterfield CSB
Ms. Julie Jacobs-Jennings, Grafton Schools
Ms. Gina Koke, Grafton Schools
Mr. Kevin Birdsell, Kids in Focus
Ms. Dane Willbrandt, Kids in Focus
Ms. Sheena Lyle, Lyle Professional Consulting
Ms Erika Slayton, Jerolin Management Services
Mr. Joseph Cason, Youth Empowerment Services
Mr. Rob Johnson, Youth Empowerment Services
Mr. Vincent Walker, Youth Empowerment Services
Ms. Cheryl Nero, Langhorne Family Care
Ms. Inger Wyatt, Covenant Homes LLC
Ms. Christina Rivers, Rivers Assisted Living
Ms. Leonett Reese, Rivers Assisted Living
Ms. Cheryl Nero, Langhorne Family Care

Affiliates Absent

Mrs. Amel Shelton, Quality Life Family Services, LLC (excused absence)
Ms. Shona Parham, J&M Adult Care Services
Ms. Diane McClure, Advanced Services for Kids

1. Call to Order

A quorum being present, Chair Analie Rademaker called the Chesterfield Local Human Rights Committee meeting to order at 5:30pm at Chesterfield Employment Services, a program of Chesterfield Mental Health Support Services, 7321 Whitepine Road, Richmond. Chair Rademaker asked for introductions of those present.

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2009 meeting, as presented.
Ayes: Dr. Rademaker, Ms. Copeland, Ms. Ronquillo, Mr. Armstrong

3. Matters of the Public

Chair Rademaker entertained comments to open the floor for items of interest to the committee.

4. Old Business

Kids in Focus – Revision to Handbook

Ms. Willbrandt presented the revisions to the Kids in Focus Handbook as suggested by the LHRC at the last meeting. A motion was made, second and voted to approve the Kids in Focus Handbook.

5. New Business

a. Providers

1. Affiliation Request

A Dab of Hope

Ms. Barbara Mason-Brown requested affiliation for A Dab of Hope. A Dab of Hope will be serving 4 individuals with intellectual disabilities or those with a dual diagnosis, ages 18 and older. The human rights policies and procedures have been submitted to Licensing and Human Rights offices and are awaiting the review process.

A motion was made, seconded and voted to approve the temporary (6-month) affiliation of **A Dab of Hope** contingent upon submission and acceptance of the human rights policies and procedures. The affiliation agreement was completed and signed, and the required fee was remitted.

Second Chance Youth Services

Ms. Tanikka Newton and Mr. Damion Mason requested affiliation for Second Chances Youth Services. Second Chances Youth Services will provide intensive in-home services to at-risk youth

ages 5-18. The human rights policies and procedures have been submitted to Licensing and Human Rights offices and are awaiting the review process.

A motion was made, seconded and voted to approve the temporary (6-month) affiliation of **Second Chances Youth Services** contingent upon submission and acceptance of the human rights policies and procedures. The affiliation agreement was completed and signed, and the required fee was remitted.

2. **Affiliation Renewal**

J&M Adult Care Services

J&M Adult Care Services is not present at this time to request affiliation renewal. Their request will be deferred to the next meeting.

Lyle Professional Consulting – Intensive In-Home Services

Ms. Lyle requested affiliation renewal for Lyle Professional Consulting, an intensive in-home service, serving 45 clients at this time, with a staffing ratio of 1:5.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the affiliation renewal of **Lyle Professional Consulting**. The affiliation fee was submitted and the agreement was signed.

Rivers Assisted Living

Ms. Reese requested affiliation renewal for Rivers Assisted Living. They are licensed to provide residential care and currently serve 3 residents with a staffing ratio of 1:4

A motion was made and seconded to approve the affiliation renewal of **Rivers Assisted Living**. The affiliation fee was submitted and the agreement was signed.

3. **Provider Name Change**

Youth Empowerment Services

Mr. Walker submitted information that Youth Empowerment Services will be changing the name of their organization to YES Behavioral Health which is a functional name at this time. The name change will allow opportunity to expand services for adult populations.

4. **Event Report Statistics**

Dr. Rademaker entertained reports from each provider on events occurring during the period of July and August 2009.

Advanced Services for Kids – Mrs. McClure could not attend this meeting; however, she submitted a letter outlining meetings with the Licensing Department. The letter also stated they were suspending services at this time, and will have follow-up meetings with Licensing.

Chesterfield CSB – Ms. Padgett reported 1 attempted suicide noting the consumer was hospitalized. The LHRC noted there have been several past suicide attempts and the Committee would like further information on peer review outcomes. Ms. Flowers stated the event was not reported to the Office of Human Rights; Ms. Padgett will follow-up.

Covenant Homes – Ms. Wyatt reported no events.

Grafton Schools – Ms. Jacobs-Jennings reported 2 peer to peer incidents. Ms. Flowers reminded providers that **Peer to Peer** incidents should be reported as an **allegation of neglect**. The report should be corrected and resubmitted. Ms. Jacobs-Jennings continued her report stating that CPS did not accept the case for investigation and that and internal interventions were put in place. The second incident reported revealed no signs of neglect.

J & M Adult Care Services, Inc. – is not represented at the meeting. The report submitted indicates no events.

Jerolin Management Services – Ms. Slayton reported 1 allegation of abuse. Several attempts have been made to contact the individual who made the report, and program staff has not received a response.

Kids in Focus, Kids in Focus II, Girls in Focus, Little Kids In Focus, Little Kids in Focus II – Ms. Willbrandt reported 3 informal complaints all which were resolved to the client's satisfaction; 4 allegations of abuse, all unfounded; and, 4 allegations of neglect, 2 were founded.

Langhorne Family Care – Ms. Nero reported no events.

Lyle Professional Consulting – Ms. Lyle reported no events.

Quality Life Services – is not represented tonight due to illness.

Rivers Assisted Living – Ms. Reese reported no events.

Youth Empowerment Services – Mr. Walker reported 15 allegations of neglect, of which 8 were founded; and reported 1 attempted suicide. The LHRC requested reports of staff corrective actions for review at the next meeting.

Mr. Walker presented the revised May & June report. There were 6 allegations of abuse, of which 5 were founded. Restrictions have been discontinued and changes are being made to the policies and they will be submitted to the Office of Human Rights and the LHC for review. There were 13 allegations of neglect, of which 6 were founded.

The LHRC expressed concern regarding the expansion of programming for the adult population. They should become good at one service before beginning another. YES reported that the corrective action plans have been accepted by Licensure. It was noted that the Life Coach program has been in existence since 2006. The CAP states that "The services provided and documented in this program does not meet this definition. The program lacks the clinical richness, qualified staff and ongoing training resources to coordinate multidisciplinary, comprehensive treatment for the behavioral health needs of enrollees." The LHRC requested Ms. Flowers to contact Licensing regarding this statement.

6. Announcements / Updates

Ms. Flowers announced there is a human rights training session for local human rights committee members on October 30; location to be determined. This information will be mailed to all LHRC members.

Chair Rademaker noted the next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 23, 2009, and for all providers to submit the Event Reports form for the reporting period of September and October by **November 6, 2009.**

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47pm. The next regular scheduled meeting will be held **Monday, November 23, 2009, location to be determined.**