

COLONIAL REGIONAL LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

April 23, 2009

Members Present: LaRhonda White, Chair, Dr. Charles Ponquinette, Vice Chair, Cheryl Westray, Committee member, Joe Winborne, Committee member

Members Absent: Paul S. Thourogood, Committee member

Others Present: Willie Barnes, Human Rights Advocate, Brian Whitley, Human Rights Advocate

Potential Affiliate: None

Affiliates Present: Alpha Counsellors Service, Inc., Covell Family Services, Dominion Psychiatric Associates, Family Maintenance Counseling Group, Independent Perspectives, Kids 4 Success, Living Hope, Lyle Professional Counseling, Martha's Place, New Season Clinical Services, Strong Foundation Youth Initiative, Therapeutic Interventions, Inc., Thoroughgood House, VABODE, Virginia Supportive Housing, Youth Intervention services, LEVOC Family Services

Affiliates Absent: None

1. Call To Order

The Colonial Regional Local Human Rights Committee was called to order at 5:35 p.m. April 23rd 2009, by LaRhonda White; for the purpose of hearing business pertaining to the agenda, transactions, or other matters that may be presented to the committee.

A. Introduction

All Committee Members, Advocates, Affiliates, New Human Rights Advocate, and others present introduced themselves.

2. Review and Approval of Agenda

April 23rd 2009 Agenda was reviewed

There were no recommendations made by the Regional Advocate to change the proposed agenda.

Action: Motion made by Dr. Charles Ponquinette to approve the agenda as proposed

Second: Joe Winborne

Vote: Unanimous

3. Review and Approval of Minutes

Recommendations were made affiliate of Strong Foundation to correct spelling of their agency.

Action: Motion made by Dr. Charles Ponquinette to approve the minutes with the suggested corrections

Second: Cheryl Westray

Vote: Unanimous

4. Public Comment

None

5. Human Rights Advocate Comments – Willie Barnes introduced Brian Whitley as the newest member of the office of Human Rights in Region 5.

6. Old Business

A. Request for Permanent Affiliation

1. LEVOC – Drake Perry formally requested permanent affiliation with the Colonial LHRC and stated that they had received their letter of good standing from DMHMRSAS since the last meeting.

Action: Motion made by Dr. Charles Ponquinette to approve request for permanent affiliation

Second: Joe Winborne

Vote: Unanimous

Motion was properly moved and granted to allow permanent affiliation to the Colonial LHRC for LEVOC Intensive In-Home Services.

2. Martha's Place – Martha Walabuka formally requested permanent affiliation with the Colonial LHRC and stated that they had received their letter of good standing from DMHMRSAS since the last meeting.

Action: Motion made by Joe Winborne to approve request for permanent affiliation

Second: Cheryl Westray

Vote: Unanimous

Motion was properly moved and granted to allow permanent affiliation to the Colonial LHRC for Martha's Place

B. Requests to Renew Temporary Affiliation

1. Virginia Supportive Housing formally requested renewal of their temporary affiliation with the Colonial Regional Human Rights Committee. They reported that they have received their letter confirming that they have received their license however did not let the committee know in advance.

Action: Motion made by Joe Winborne to approve request for renewal of temporary affiliation and place Virginia Supportive Housing on the July agenda to seek Permanent Affiliation.

Second: Dr. Charles Ponquinette

Vote: Unanimous

C. Treasurer Report

Lyle Professional Consulting reported a balance of \$5520.90 in the committee account as of this date with no transactions since the last report. Lyle Professional Consulting transferred the treasurer report along with a check for the balance of the fund to VABODE who will hold the treasury for the 09/10 year.

7. New Business

A. Requests for Temporary Affiliation

1. Alpha Counsellors Service, Inc. requested temporary affiliation for Huntington Middle School as a location for their Therapeutic Day Treatment Service.

Action: Motion by Dr. Charles Ponquinette to grant temporary affiliation for Huntington Middle School

Second: Joe Winborne

Vote: Unanimous.

2. Therapeutic Interventions, Inc. requested temporary affiliation for the following schools as locations for their Therapeutic Day Treatment Service:

- a. Kiptopeake Elementary School – Northampton County
- b. Occohannock Elementary School – Northampton County
- c. Northampton Middle School – Northampton County
- d. Northampton TECH Center – Northampton County
- e. Nandua High School – Accomack County
- f. Arcadia High School – Accomack County
- g. Belle Haven Head Start – Accomack County
- h. Accawmacke Elementary School – Accomack County
- i. Pungoteague Elementary School - Accomack County
- j. Chincoteague Elementary School - Accomack County
- k. Metompkin Elementary School - Accomack County
- l. Kegotank Elementary School - Accomack County
- m. Arcadia Middle School - Accomack County
- n. Nandua Middle School - Accomack County
- o. Chincoteague High School - Accomack County
- p. Accomack Head Start - Accomack County
- q. Cheriton Head Start – Northampton County
- r. Oak Hall Head Start - Accomack County
- s. Nelsonia Head Start - Accomack County

Action: Motion by Dr. Charles Ponquinette to grant Temporary Affiliation to the above referenced schools for Therapeutic Interventions day treatment locations.

Second: Joe Winborne

Vote: Unanimous

- B. Moratorium on annual dues for affiliate membership for 08-09.
The affiliates informed the committee that after Reginald Daye's recommendation to forgo dues for 08-09 due to the large account balance with no expected expenses, the affiliates voted to waive the dues for existing members for 08-09.
- C. Committee membership renewal for Paul S. Thourogood.
Liaison informed the committee that Paul S. Thourogood contacted him prior to the meeting to let the committee know that he had received his paperwork for the Office of Human Rights to renew his appointment to the committee and that he had completed and returned that paperwork.
- D. FOIA training for committee members and liaison / and future liaison
Willie Barnes informed the committee and the liaison that she would conduct the FOIA training at 4:00p.m. prior to the next scheduled meeting time of the Colonial LHRC.

NOTE: The committee requested that from this point forward, any affiliate that is presenting policy and procedures during a meeting, the information to be presented must be sent to them directly two weeks in advance of the committee meeting. If there is to be a request on the agenda that does not require the review of documentation that affiliate must contact the liaison and the Chair to request to be put on the agenda and provide proof that they have satisfied all requirements of DMHMRSAS and the Office of Human Rights before being placed on the agenda for consideration.

8. Reports Of Incidents/Complaints

- A. Alpha Counsellors Service, Inc. - Reports no incidents/complaints
- B. Covell Family Services - Reports no incidents/complaints
- C. Dominion Psychiatric Associates – Reports no incidents/complaints
- D. Family Maintenance Counseling Group - Reports no incidents/complaints
- E. Independent Perspectives - Reports no incidents/complaints
- F. Kids 4 Success - Reports no incidents/complaints
- G. Living Hope - Reports no incidents/complaints
- H. Lyle Professional Counseling - Reports no incidents/complaints
- I. Martha's Place - Reports no incidents/complaints

- J. New Season Clinical Services - Reports no incidents/complaints
- K. Strong Foundation Youth Initiative – Reports no incidents/complaints
- L. Therapeutic Interventions, Inc. – Reports 2 restraints and no complaints
- M. Thoroughgood House - Reports no incidents/complaints
- N. VABODE - Reports no incidents/complaints
- O. Virginia Supportive Housing – No incidents/complaints, **1 Death**
- P. Youth Intervention services - Reports no incidents/complaints
- Q. LEVOC - Reports no incidents/complaints

9. Next meetings scheduled for: 7/23/09, 10/22/09

10. Closed Session – The LHRC voted to go into closed session per Virginia Code 2.2-3711a for the purpose of review of client related incidents, restraints and complaints for the following agencies:

Virginia Supportive Housing
Thoroughgood House

11. Reconvene – The LHRC voted to come out of closed session per Virginia Code 2.2-3711a for the purpose of review of client related incidents, restraints and complaints. Each member certified that the only matters discussed in closed session were those related to the incidents, restraints, and complaints for the aforementioned agencies.

The LHRC made no recommendations

12. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.