

**DRAFT COLONIAL REGIONAL LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes**

April 19, 2012

Members Present: Dr. Charles Ponquinette, Chair, Joe Winborne, Committee Member, Dr. Artara Bradley, Committee Member

Members Absent: Cheryl Westray, Secretary, Paul S. Thourogood, Vice Chair

Others Present: Reginald Daye, Human Rights Regional Advocate

Potential Affiliate: None

Affiliates Present: Alpha Counsellors Service, Inc., Family Maintenance Counseling Group, Independent Perspectives, Lyle Professional Counseling, Martha's Place, New Season Clinical Services, Therapeutic Interventions, Inc., Thoroughgood House, VABODE, Youth Intervention services, LEVOC Family Services, Community Behavior Support, Virginia Supportive Housing, Strong Foundation Youth Initiative – Tidewater

Affiliates Absent: None

1. Call To Order

The Colonial Regional Local Human Rights Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. April 19th 2012, by Dr. Charles Ponquinette; for the purpose of hearing business pertaining to the agenda, transactions, or other matters that may be presented to the committee. Dr. Bradley was scheduled to join the committee late and in accordance with the bylaws and approval of the full LHRC, the Chair decided to function as a two member subcommittee until she could join the meeting. ***Dr. Bradley joined the meeting at 6:20 p.m.**

2. Announcements

None

3. Public Comment

None

4. Human Rights Advocate Comments – Mr. Daye reminded the affiliates and the Committee that Colonial Regional LHRC is continuing to have problems maintaining quorum for each meeting. Mr. Thourogood's term ends on June 30, 2012. Dr. Bradley is ~~also~~ unable to commit to the meetings on a regular basis. Therefore the committee is in need of two members. A Health Care Provider as well as a Service Recipient (consumer). A service recipient is defined and anyone that has received mental health, substance

abuse, ID services/counseling in the past five (5) years. Mr. Daye went on to discuss the severity of the situation stating that if this committee did not have candidates interviewed and ready to be placed on the agenda for the SHRC meeting in June, then on July 1st, the LHRC would be out of compliance with the regulations. This may trigger action on the part of the State Human Rights Committee that could lead up to the Colonial Regional LHRC being dissolved. If this occurs, all affiliates would then have to seek other committees to affiliate with.

***Dr. Bradley (LHRC member) joined the LHRC committee. A quorum of the LHRC was declared.**

5. Review and Approval of Agenda

April 19, 2012 Agenda was reviewed and no amendments were made.

Action: Mr. Winborne made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Second: Dr. Bradley

Vote: Unanimous

6. Old Business

Review and Approval of Minutes

Minutes for the regular session on Oct 20, 2011 as well as the subcommittee minutes from January 19th 2012 were reviewed and no changes were made.

Action: Mr. Winborne made a motion to approve the subcommittee minutes as presented and by doing so approve all the actions made by the subcommittee.

Second: Dr. Bradley

Vote: Unanimous

7. New Business

None

8. Reports of Incidents/Complaints

***All providers noted below went over their 1th quarter (01/01/2012- 03/31/2012) reports during the meeting:**

A. Alpha Counsellors Service, Inc. - Reports no incidents/complaints

B. Family Maintenance Counseling Group - Reports no incidents/complaints

C. Independent Perspectives – 1 report of neglect

D. Community Behavior Support – Reports no incidents/complaints

E. Lyle Professional Counseling - Reports no incidents/complaints

- F. Martha's Place – 1 report of neglect and 1 serious incident
- G. New Season Clinical Services - Reports no incidents/complaints
- H. Strong Foundation Youth Initiative – Reports no incidents/complaints
- I. Therapeutic Interventions, Inc. – Reports no incidents/complaints
- J. Thoroughgood House – Reports no incidents/complaints
- K. VABODE - Reports no incidents/complaints
- L. Virginia Supportive Housing – Reports no incidents/complaints
- M. Youth and Family Counseling – Reports no incidents/complaints
- N. LEVOC – Reports no incidents/complaints

9. Next meetings scheduled for: 7/19/2012, 10/18/2012

10. Closed Session – The committee voted to go into closed session per VA Code 2.2-3711(A), for the purposes of hearing information pertaining to the complaints/allegations against Independent Perspectives and Martha’s Place.

The Committee voted to come out of closed session and each committee member certified that the only information discussed was the complaints/allegation against Independent Perspectives and Martha’s Place.

The committee voted to recommend that Martha’s Place submit the findings of their investigation on Client JR at the next scheduled LHRC meeting.

11. Adjournment: The LHRC meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Action: Motion made by Joe Winborne to adjourn the meeting
Second: Dr. Bradley
Vote: Unanimous