

Commonwealth Local Human Rights Committee

3600 West Broad Street, Suite 400

Richmond, Virginia 23230

Quarterly Meeting: April 15, 2010

6:00pm

Agenda

1. Call to Order: 6:10pm

2. Introductions:

Committee members in attendance:

Anika Allen-Chairperson

Ja'Nel Evans-Vice Chairperson

Shawn Minter

Demetrius Whitehurst

Ansley Perkins

Donald Thompson

Committee members not in attendance:

Damon Thompson

Valentina Thompson

Clarissa Law

Affiliates present:

Trina Louis, Rochelle Nightengale, *Richmond Justice Services*; Anthony Bates, *Unity Family Services, Inc.*; Laura Easter, *Elk Hill*; Perry Scott, *From Within*; Valens Barthelus, *New Directions Community*; James Martin, Brandy Barkins, *Second Chance for Youth, Inc.*; Veronica Malone, Marietta Cottingham, Richard Cottingham, *Serenity C&C, Inc.*; Ancell Hamlin, *Abraham Youth & Family Services*; Elizabeth and Trey Cave, *Cornerstone Support Services*; Ronald Tucker, *Quality Healthcare, Inc.*; Lisa Thweatt, *Circle of Care for Systematic Treatment, Inc.*; David Hawkes, *Urban Oasis*.

Affiliates absent:

Trinity Commonwealth Group and Proactive Family Services

3. Approval of January 21, 2010 Minutes: Minutes approved

4. Public Comment: None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

A request was made for an affiliate to be responsible for clerical support for the committee due to Trinity Commonwealth Group closing its doors. In exchange for volunteering to provide this support, the provider would be exempt from the affiliation fee. The matter will be revisited at end of meeting.

- I. **Serenity C&C, Inc. Sponsored Residential Services:** Report of Sites Added and Discontinued: None discontinued; Two sites to add 409 Masonic Lane, Richmond, VA 23223 and 703 Gordon School Court, Richmond, VA 23236. All staff in the homes has received all required training.

II. Human Rights Activities Reports for period January 1st, 2010 to March 31st, 2010

- A. Richmond Justice Services- no activities to report. May 19, 2010 site visit scheduled
- B. Unity Family Services Inc.- one allegation of neglect. On March 23, 2010 an individual became upset because he was not allowed to go the Dollar store; it was early in the day and staff were changing shifts. As a result he became angry, broke a picture frame and used the glass to cut his leg; he was taken to the hospital and received medical care. One serious incident; an individual slipped and fell in the shower while being assisted by staff. No slip guards were in the tub but have since been purchased and placed in the tub. New admission on January 15, 2010; 34 year old male (doing well so far).
- C. All Care Family Services-arrived to meeting at 6:45pm due to traffic delays. No activities to report.
- D. Elk Hill-no activities to report; added staff and locations. Elk Hill is providing day treatment services in 5 schools and by the end of April there will be two additional schools. In Powhatan, they are currently serving 17 clients and at their day school, 5 clients.
- E. From Within-No activities to report (the back sheet of the Activities report was not attached to the report; will fax to Ansley on April 16, 2010 in the morning).
- F. New Directions Community Outreach-No activities to report; one new staff hire; one staff termination due to No call no show.
- G. Second Chance 4 Youth, LLC-No activities to report. One new staff hire. (discrepancy on reporting form; no date, no year and year on signature line marked 2020, corrected at the meeting).
- H. Serenity C&C, Inc.-no activities to report; program director hired February 8, 2010 (also in attendance).
- I. Quality Healthcare, Inc.- No activities to report; inspection on April 1, 2010 and license received April 7, 2010.
- J. **Proactive Family Services-Not in attendance**
- K. Abraham Youth & Family Services-No activities to report. (Discrepancy on report; no signature, corrected at the mtg.).
- L. Cornerstone Support Services-No activities to report. On April 14, 2010 a review to renew license was conducted and renewal was approved
- M. Circle of Care for Systematic Treatment, Inc.- No activities to report- Activities report given verbally to Chairperson for reporting period January 1, 2010-March 31.
- N. Urban Oasis-No activities to report.

Motion to accept Human Rights Activities Reports for January 1, 2010 to March 31, 2010 for Richmond Justice Services, Unity Family Services Inc, Elk Hill, From Within, New Directions Community Outreach, Second Chance 4 Youth, LLC, Serenity C&C, Inc Abraham Youth & Family Services, Cornerstone Support Services, Circle of Care for Systematic Treatment, Inc., Urban Oasis. Motion accepted

Human rights activities report received late from Quality Health Care Inc. (4/15/2010). Provider was reminded that the report was due on April 1st; motion approved to accept report.

No representation for Proactive Family Services

III. Human Rights Update: There are several Behavior Management programs for providers to use and the provider is responsible for ensuring their program is in compliance with the Regulations. The Office of Human Rights recently became aware of restraint techniques that are not in compliance with the Regulations; specifically with Crisis Wave. New techniques for the front and rear training block are now being endorsed in place of the hammer and elbow strikes. These two techniques will no longer be taught; a training was held on March 25 from 5-6:30pm. The trainer will now teach the new techniques for front and rear training blocks at each providers' next training session.

Motion made to accept Human Rights report-motion approved.

Motion made to show demonstration of the new Crisis Wave techniques at the July 15th meeting-motion approved

IV. Secretary's Report: 14 out of 15 affiliates in attendance; 13 out of 15 reports received. Motion to accept the secretary's report approved

Ms. Brandy Barkins of Second Chance for Youth, LLC has volunteered to assume the role of clerical support to the CLHRC.

V. Treasurer Report: Previous balance as of January 15, 2010- \$2752.59

*now after collection of affiliation fees, \$400 for caterer, \$16.00 to purchase checks; new balance is \$5011.59

*** Motion approved to suspend the affiliation of Pro-Active Family Services with Commonwealth Local Human Committee has been suspended due to failure to abide by the affiliation agreement.***

VI. Next Meeting: July 15, 2010

VII.Executive Session: Trinity Commonwealth Group and business matter from 1/21/10 meeting

Providers excused until next meeting due to Executive Session.

Motion made for Committee going into Executive Session; Motion approved.

Motion made to come out of executive session: motion approved

Motion to accept action taken at January 21, 2010 meeting; motion approved.

Motion made to terminate Trinity Commonwealth Group as a result of the company closing; motion approved

VII. Adjournment: meeting adjourned at 7:11pm.