

CRATER LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Petersburg, VA 23803

I. Call to Order: The Crater Local Human Rights Committee (LHRC) held their regular meeting Thursday, January 10, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. at 20 W. Bank Street, Petersburg, Virginia. The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

Carol Gittman, Chair

Joseph P. Dickens

Jean Grim

Rosa Parham - Absent

Mable Jones - Absent

Pamela A. Waitkus - Absent

Human Rights Advocate Representation:

Beverly Garnes

Affiliates' Attendance:

Adult Activity Services – James R. Scott, III

Agapé Unlimited I, Inc. – Marilyn C. Newby

Agapé Unlimited II – Beatrice I. Johnson

ARC-Petersburg – Felicia Daniels

Benchmark Residential Services – Clarence E. Dilworth

Dan-Poe-Dil, Inc. – Clarence E. Dilworth

District 19 CSB – Doris R. Robinson

John Randolph Medical Center – Serressa A. Burgess

Low Ground Visions, Inc. – Chanda S. Batts

New Beginnings, Inc. – Marilyn C. Newby

Phoenix-n-Peace, Inc. – Patricia B. Tucker

Pryor House –Veronica Page

Southside Regional Medical Center – Inpatient Services, Mary Sue Smith
Outpatient Services, Keith Gostel

T'LAB, Inc. – Rebecca Mann

Visions Family Services –Jennifer Kogut,

III. Approval of Minutes: Due to lack of a quorum, the minutes were not approved.

IV. Public Comments: None

V. Advocate's Comments:

- A. The Office of Human Rights has hired a new advocate (Ansley Anderson) for this region.
- B. Ms. Garnes advised that the Policies and Procedures should be revised by March 1, 2008. Revisions do not need to be submitted. Will proceed based on honor system.
- C. Mr. Dickens asked if there will be additional funds for mental health services. Ms. Garnes responded that no additional information is available on funding. As a result of the Virginia Tech tragedy the information provided by the media is most recent.

VI. Old Business:

- A. The Chair again asked if John Randolph Medical Center (JRMC) had filled out and returned the new Affiliate Agreement that was given to all affiliates in March of '07. All Affiliate Agreements have been completed and turned in to the LHRC except JRMC's. The Liaison from JRMC informed the committee the Ms Butler told her the Agreement had been turned in. At this time neither the Crater LHRC nor the D19 CSB support office has a copy of this agreement. The last copy on file is dated 09/03. The Chair will contact Ms. Butler in order to clear up this misunderstanding.
- B. Mr. Clarence Dilworth, Benchmark Residential Services, was asked to report on the status of a client for whom a helmet was requested.

VII. New Business

- A. Mrs. Gittman informed members dues are due 30 days after receipt of the bill but no later than February 1, 2008. If not received by February 1st, an explanation is required and membership may be suspended. If not received by March 1, 2008, membership with the Crater LHRC will be terminated. Dues will be prorated for affiliations joining after the due dates.
- B. The next meeting will be hosted by John Randolph Medical Center located at 411 W. Randolph Road, Hopewell, Virginia, on March 13, 2008. Crater LHRC Members are to arrive early to tour the facility. Affiliates are to report at 5:30 p.m. Additional information will be forwarded to the affiliates.

VIII. Affiliates' Reports: Affiliates reported complaints and allegations to the Committee.

IX. Other Actions:

- A. Visions Family Services is interested in training on "Investigating Abuse." Need to know who provides the training and are others interested in participating. Ms.

Garnes reported the Department of State Police provides the training and there is interest from other affiliations.

X. Adjournment:

- A.** The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 6:45 p.m.

Carol Gittman, Chair

(Date)