

# CRATER LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

*20 W. Bank St.*

*Petersburg, VA 23803*

**I.** The Crater Local Human Rights Committee (Crater LHRC) held their regular meeting Thursday, May 10, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. at 20 W. Bank Street, Suite 6, Petersburg, VA 23803. The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. A quorum of members was present.

**II. Public Comments.** Carol Gittman requested a moment of silence for those affected by the Virginia Tech tragedy.

### **III. Roll Call**

#### **Members Present:**

Carol Gittman  
Joseph P. Dickens  
Rosa Parham

#### **Members Absent:**

Ralph Anderton

#### **Regional Advocate:**

James O Bowser

#### **Affiliates' Attendance:**

A - Adult Activity Services, Jim Scott  
A - Agapé Unlimited, Inc., Marilyn C. Newby  
A - Agapé Unlimited II, Beatrice Johnson  
A - ARC-Petersburg, Felicia Daniels  
A - Dan-Poe-Dil, Inc., Clarence Dilworth  
A - District 19 CSB, Doris Robinson  
A - John Randolph Medical Center **Absent**  
A - Low Ground Visions, Inc., Cynthia Batts & Chanda Batts  
A - New Beginnings, Inc. – Marilyn C. Newby  
A - Phoenix-n-Peace, Inc. – Marilyn C. Newby  
A - Pryor House, Joyce Brown, Jeronica Page  
A - Southside Regional Medical Center – Inpatient Services, Sue Smith & Keith Gortel  
Outpatient Services, Vicky Durnford  
A - T'LAB, Inc., Rebecca Mann  
A - Visions Family Services, Dr. Denise Malone, Jennifer Kogutl

**IV. Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Dickens made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 11 and March 8, 2007 meetings as presented. Seconded by Mrs. Parham. Motion carried.

**V. Regional Advocate's Comments:**

- A.** Mr. Bowser reported the proposed Human Rights regulation was approved by the State Board. The Office of Human Rights is planning a statewide conference for local Human Rights Committees on September 6 and 7, 2007 in Richmond or Charlottesville.
- B.** Mr. Bowser reported that on April 4, 2007, the State Human Rights Committee and the State Board honored all volunteers associated with the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse. Mrs. Gittman attended the meeting and gave a brief synopsis on the speaker and presentation of awards. Each LHRC received an award as well as a number of special nominees.
- C.** The State Committee would like more communication from LHRCs in reference to articles and information for their newsletter, Human Writes.

**VI. Old Business**

- A.** The affiliation agreement was rewritten and signed by all affiliates with the exception of John Randolph Hospital.
- B.** The Committee visited 2 Phoenix-n-Peach Residential Homes, Adair Place and Elizabeth House, during hours when residents (4 to 5 MR clients each) were not in the home. They talked with staff and toured the two homes. They also visited the Phoenix-N-Peace Day Support at Holly Hill Drive in Petersburg. They toured the facility observing the many different work and entertainment areas, talked with staff and clients. These visits were very informative and gave the committee a better understanding how these two systems work. Other facilities will be visited in the future.

**VII. New Business**

- A.** The Committee asked Southside Regional Medical Center to host the next committee meeting on July 19<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday). The Committee members will meet at 4:00 p.m. with the Behavioral Health Outpatient Services at their location on Crater Road then return to the Hospital where they will tour inpatient services. Affiliates will meet with the committee at the regular meeting time of 5:30 p.m. at SRMC. Details will be provided to Becky Hutto who in turn will forward them to the affiliates.
- B.** The term of appointment for officers will end in June 2007. New officers will be elected before the next meeting in July.

**VIII. Affiliates' Reports:** Affiliates reported complaints and allegations to the Committee. Mr. Dickens made a motion to accept the reports. Seconded by Mrs. Parham. Motion carried.

**IX. Executive Session:** Mr. Dickens moved to go into executive session. Motion made and carried. Motion made and carried to come out of executive session.

Motion was made and carried to recommend Ms. Pamela Waitkus for appointment to the Crater Local Human Rights Committee.

**X. Adjournment:** Mr. Dickens moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Parham. Motion carried. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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Carol Gittman, Chair (Date)