

CRATER LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Southside Regional Medical Center

Petersburg, VA 23803

I. Call to Order: The Crater Local Human Rights Committee held their regular meeting Thursday, July 19, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. at Southside Regional Medical Center, Petersburg, Virginia. The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. A quorum of members was not present when the meeting was called to order. However, another member arrived during Affiliates' Reports making a quorum.

II. Public Comments: There were no public comments.

III. Roll Call

Members Present:

Carol Gittman
Joseph P. Dickens
Rosa Parham

Members Absent:

Pamela Waitkus

Regional Advocate Representation:

Beverly Garnes

Affiliates' Attendance:

Adult Activity Services, James R. Scott, III
Agapé Unlimited, Inc., Marilyn C. Newby
Agapé Unlimited II, Beatrice I. Johnson
ARC-Petersburg, Felicia Daniels
Dan-Poe-Dil, Inc., Clarence E. Dilworth
District 19 CSB, Laura Wilson
John Randolph Medical Center, Serressa A. Burgess
Low Ground Visions, Inc., Chanda S. Batts
New Beginnings, Inc. – Marilyn C. Newby
Phoenix-n-Peace, Inc. – Marilyn C. Newby
Pryor House, Joyce Brown, Jeronica Page
Southside Regional Medical Center – Inpatient Services, Sue Smith and Keith Gortel
Outpatient Services, Vicki Durnford

T'LAB, Inc., Rebecca Mann

Visions Family Services, George Miller, Jennifer Kogut

IV. Approval of Minutes: (May 10, 2007): Initially, a quorum of members was not present. Ms. Garnes, Human Rights Advocate, identified corrections to the minutes under the Regional Advocate's Comments and Adjournment sections. Once a quorum of members

was present, the minutes regarding the May 10, 2007 meeting were revisited and Mr. Dickens made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion seconded by Ms. Parham. Motion approved.

V. Regional Advocate's Comments: Ms. Gittman introduced Beverly Garnes, Human Rights Advocate based at Southside Virginia Training Center, and indicated that Ms. Garnes will be the Advocate assigned to the Crater LHRC from this point forward. She indicated that Jim Bowser, Regional Human Rights Advocate, will be present at the next LHRC meeting to complete the transition.

- A. Rules and Regulations are in the Governor's office and are waiting for his approval. The Office of Human Rights anticipates that the regulations will be effective by September 2007.
- B. Statewide LHRC seminar has tentatively been scheduled for September 13th and 14th in Richmond. The location has not yet been identified. However, Office of Human Rights is asking that Committee members pencil in the tentative dates.
- C. Per Ms. Gittman's request, Ms. Garnes talked about her experience and role with the Office of Human Rights.

VI. Old Business: Ms. Gittman thanked SRMC for hosting the meeting and for LHRC members' tour of outpatient and inpatient facilities. She indicated that the Committee will be contacting other affiliates to schedule Committee visits at some point in the future.

VII. New Business

- A. Ms. Gittman indicated that she would like for the Committee to consider allowing new programs added by current affiliates to be affiliates of the Crater LHRC, rather than a new program of a current Crater LHRC affiliate having to be an affiliate of a different LHRC. This will be discussed when a quorum of members is present.
- B. Ms. Gittman provided an update on Ralph Anderton, Committee member, who is no longer able to be a member on the Crater LHRC. She indicated that she spoke with his son earlier in the day and he indicated that Mr. Anderton is doing pretty well currently (he has been quite ill for over a year and was hospitalized several times during this period).

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

IX. Election of Officers: Election of officers for the 7/1/07 - 6/30/08 year were held. Ms. Gittman was elected Chair and Mr. Dickens was elected Vice-Chair.

Ms. Gittman also indicated that Pamela Waitkus has been appointed as a new member to the Crater LHRC.

- X. Other Actions:** Next meeting date, Thursday, September 13, 2007 at District 19 CSB, 20 W. Bank St., Petersburg, VA 23803.
- XI. Executive Session:** Ms. Parham moved to go into executive session to interview a candidate for membership. Motion seconded and carried. Motion made and carried to come out of executive session.
- XII. Adjournment:** There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Carol Gittman, Chair (Date)