

**Fairfax-Falls Church Local Human Rights Committee
Meeting Minutes**

June 11, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.
Pennino Building / Human Services Center
12011 Government Center Parkway
Room 836A

Committee Members in Attendance: Loretta Redelman (Chair), Judy Regner, Ron Lambert, Chris Harrison, Mary Jane Billinger and Pat Miles

Committee Members Excused: None

Others in Attendance: Saundra Kelley (CFS), Alan El Tagi (APTS), Sue Gross (APTS), Jim Copeland (APTS), James Fox (St Johns), Gary Vest (CSB-MR), Latoria Styles (CSB-MR), Chanielle Woodford (CRI), Channell Sanchez, (CRI), Tim Simmons (Human Rights Advocate), Lisa Blecker (LHRC Support) and Diane Larkin (LHRC Support)

The meeting convened at 1:05 p.m. The May 14th minutes were approved as amended with one abstention.

I. Annual Summary

A summary of the annual human rights activities was presented to the LHRC by Channell Sanchez from CRI. A recommendation was made for one individual who had high incidents of bruising be referred for a neurological, PT and/or Gait evaluation. Also the committee requested that CRI provide by the next meeting more specific data regarding types of abuse, dates, follow-up on responses from APS, etc. The LHRC expressed interest in requesting an overview from Adult Protective Services at one of the next meetings.

II. Restrictive Plan Discussion

A motion was made, seconded and voted on to move into Executive Session to review client issues at 1:45 p.m. and the committee came out of Executive Session at 3:25 p.m. Five behavior plans were reviewed. Two plans were approved and three were discontinued. Recommendations were made for one person's missing graph data to be sent by the next meeting. Also the committee requested staff initiate a conversation with an individual regarding his right to obtain a 2nd opinion with a psychiatrist. Three quarterlies were reviewed and approved for 3 months. A recommendation for one person included clarifying with staff if the safety helmet can be removed by the individual.

III. Advocate's Report

Tim presented a request from an individual for a 30-day extension by the LHRC to reevaluate future course of action regarding the person's Human Rights complaint. The LHRC approved the request.

IV. Committee Business Session

Brain Injury Services

Answers were submitted to the LHRC regarding their questions pertaining to Brain Injury Services' research proposal. The committee reviewed the information provided and approved the proposal. A letter of approval will be mailed to Brain Injury Services.

Alternative House

Program rules were submitted for review by the LHRC. The committee members requested Alternative House be invited back in July to clarify several of the rules.

Congratulations for Loretta's well deserved retirement were given. The committee members commended Loretta for her long years of service to the LHRC, both locally and at the state level.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for: **Wednesday, July 9th**, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 836 A of the Pennino Building, 12011 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax County Government Center Complex.