

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

July 9, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.

Pennino Building / Human Services Center
12011 Government Center Parkway
Room 836A

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

Committee Members Excused: None

Others in Attendance: Kevin Paluszak (Child Help), Mary Jackson (Child Help), Susie Guido (Alternative House), Kelly Murphy (Blue Ridge Residential Services), Karen Brown (Brain Injury Services), Tim Simmons (Human Rights Advocate), Lisa Blecker (CSB Support) and Diane Larkin (LHRC Support)

The meeting convened at 1:05 p.m. The June 11th minutes were approved as amended.

I. Request for Affiliation

A request for affiliation by Child Help was made by Kevin Paluszak and Mary Jackson. The committee discussed the request and decided to contact Deb Lockhart (regional advocate – State Office of Human Rights) to discuss alternatives. The committee is already at capacity with the number of affiliates they serve.

II. Annual Summary

A summary of the annual human rights activities was presented to the LHRC by Kelly Murphy from Blue Ridge Residential Services and Karen Brown from Brain Injury Services. Blue Ridge was requested to provide a monthly Injury report to the Local and State Offices of Human Rights.

III. Review Program Rules – Alternative House

Susie Guido from Alternative House clarified questions posed by the committee members regarding their program rules. Recommendations were made to reword several areas. Changes will be made to the program rules and sent to the committee for final approval.

IV. Restrictive Plan Discussion

A motion was made, seconded and voted on to move into Executive Session to review client issues at 3:15 p.m. and the committee came out of Executive Session at 3:45 p.m. Eight quarterlies were reviewed and approved for 3 months. The committee requested information on one individual regarding whether they were back in their program and if not, whose decision it was. Also asked was whether the parent is receiving support to seek other placements. Additionally, a

request for a copy of the consent for medication form for one of the quarterlies was made.

V. Advocate's Report

Tim announced there will be an LHRC membership training for both new and current members at NVTC on September 13th. He will notify committee members once the times have been decided.

An update was provided regarding the extension of a Human Rights complaint that was granted at the last meeting. The individual has not decided whether to pursue further action. Tim will update the committee once he hears something next week.

VI. Committee Business Session

United Methodist Family Services –

The committee discussed and had no further questions regarding the new in home service UMFS will be providing.

Adult Protective Services –

Handouts were provided to the committee members to review. If there are additional questions, staff from APS will be invited to attend a future meeting. The committee members also discussed asking affiliates what process they have in place for follow up with APS reports and dispositions not responded to in a timely manner.

A request to add two additional plans to the August meeting was discussed and the committee agreed to hear these plans. The August meeting will begin at 12:30 pm rather than 1:00pm to accommodate this request.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for: **Wednesday, August 13th**, at **12:30** p.m. in Room 836 A of the Pennino Building, 12011 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax County Government Center Complex.