

Fairfax-Falls Church Local Human Rights Committee

Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2011 at 12:30 pm
Pennino Building / Human Services Center
12011 Government Center Parkway
Room 836A

Committee Members in Attendance: Judy Regner (Chair), Mary Jane Billinger, Louise Evertt, Ronald Lambert, Pat Miles and Joyce Stuart

Committee Members Absent:

Others in Attendance: Tim Simmons (HR Advocate), Lisa Blecker (FX-FC-CSB), David Mangano (FX-FC-CSB), Barbara Wadley-Young (FX-FC-CSB), Dr. Gary Axelson (FX-FC-CSB), Dr. Ed Harmon (Chimes), and Erin Bloom (LHRC Admin Support)

The meeting convened at 12:30 p.m.

I. Approval of Minutes

The August 10th minutes were approved with one correction.

II. Annual Summary Reports

Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board and Ed Harmon of Chimes of Virginia presented Annual Reports.

The Annual Report for the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board was presented by David Mangano, Director of Consumer and Family Services, Barbara Wadley-Young, Director Quality Assurance, Alcohol and Drug Services, and Dr. Gary Axelson, Director of Clinical Operation, Mental Health Services. The Annual Report was not presented in the requested SHRC format; the committee requested that the report be reformatted to comply with the SHRC format.

The Annual Report for Chimes of VA was presented by Ed Hartman, Executive Director. The Annual Report was presented in the SHRC approved format. The committee requested that they be allowed to see the materials and view the training process for a program taught at Chimes, titled "No Secrets". Chimes staff is to email the No Secrets material to Erin for distribution to the committee members. Mr. Hartman requested the LHRC provide Chimes of VA with documentation to support Chimes in their pursuit of CARF affiliation. Judy Regner, LHRC Chair advised Mr. Hartman that the LHRC does not perform this function.

III. Advocate's Report

Tim shared communication with the SHRC that further explained the time frames for submission of affiliate Quarterly and Annual reports. The members discussed their understanding of the schedule. Erin was asked to re-structure the existing table of presentation dates to reflect this communication and submit the table to Judy (chair) for approval.

Tim distributed a memorandum from Les Saltzberg, Director Office of Licensing and Margaret Walsh, Director of Office of Human Rights detailing the process for providers seeking DBHDS approval for the addition of a new location of a licensed service in the same region. This memo included the role of the LHRC in this process. Each committee member received a copy.

Tim updated the committee on follow-up to the LHRC Hearing in August. RIVA has an acting director, Miss Thompson as previous director Kelly Rinehart no longer works for RIVA.

The State Human Rights Committee has announced they are recruiting for new members as of 9/20/2011 in response to the resignation of the state director.

IV. Committee Business Session

Old Business

- i. There were no disposition requests for this session
- ii. There were no log updates*
- iii. Received CSB response letter from George Braunstein, Executive Director. The letter was read aloud. The members agreed that no further action was called for.

Motion to accept response letter as-is; Judy Regner. Motion seconded; Mary Jane **Unanimous**

- iv. Committee members acknowledged receipt of the Hopewell House Human Rights binder. However, Tim was asked to confirm or correct if agency was requesting affiliation from another LHRC. Tim replied that he would research this question and address at the October meeting.
- v. RIVA hearing is to be added to the 10/10/11 agenda so that the committee can discuss follow-up documentation requested from Riva at the hearing.

New Business

- i. Committee recognized that a letter was due to the LHRC from RIVA in follow up to the September hearing. No letter has been received.* Add to Log and October Agenda

- ii. SHRC distribution requirements as presented in the SHRC newsletter were reviewed.
- iii. The committee reviewed the Next Friend procedure to clarify that the request for approval must come from someone operating under the Human Rights Regulations.
- iv. The committee has requested that Carolyn Castro-Donlan, Deputy Director with the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board be asked to attend an LHRC meeting in October or November, dependent upon availability so the committee can become acquainted.
- v. The LHRC requested from CFS to attend their Human Rights Peer group meeting on October 10, 2011, at 10:00 A.M. at CFS. Erin needs to email and confirm intent of each committee member and then contact CFS to set up.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at 12:30** p.m. in **Room 836A** of the Pennino Building, 12011 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax County Government Center Complex.