

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

May 2, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Committee Members in Attendance: Loretta Redelman (Chair), Judy Regner, Thomas Williams, Betty Gardner, Wendy Keating

Committee Members Excused: Tracy Ormes

Others in Attendance: Thalia Simpson-Clement (St. Johns) George Winters (RIVA), John Vick (CRI), Sue Gross (Applied Behavior Concepts), Sarah Sinclair (ABC), Kim Watkins (CSB-MR), Dan Pederson (CSB-MR), Eppie Vest (CSB-MR), Tim Simmons (HR Advocate), Lisa Blecker (LHRC Liaison)

The meeting convened at 6:40 p.m. Minutes from the April 26th meeting were approved as written.

I. Annual Summary

Thalia Simpson-Clement presented a summary of the annual human rights activities for St. John's Community Services.

II. Executive Session to Review Client Issues

A motion was made, seconded and voted on to move into Executive Session to review client issues at 7:15 p.m. and the Committee came out of Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. The LHRC reviewed four annual plans, eight quarterlies, and one update. One annual plan has been put on hold pending an upcoming team meeting and one was approved with no recommendations. Another plan was approved for 1 month with recommendations for staff supervision at all times, to provide the LHRC with clarification on staring/glaring, clarify how the relapse prevention program was generated, clarify if the individual would benefit from individual therapy and understands the verbal prompts given by staff, and to develop goals and objectives on an ongoing basis. Another plan was approved for two months with recommendations to update the plan due to a change in the individual's status, to be more specific in dates for fading criteria and to include a long-range goal. Eight quarterlies were approved for three months and four had recommendations. Recommendations included clarification if the individuals was getting his full amount of time out of the wheelchair, a request for more quantifiable fading criteria, a request for the MRI results, and another request for information why one person does better at home than at work.

III. Review Revised Procedures

The LHRC completed its review of updated regulations of the Fairfax-Falls Church CSB and had no recommendations.

The committee will draft feedback for three other affiliates in conjunction with the advocate concerning their policies and procedures.

IV. Committee Business Session

Betty compared the LHRC By-Laws to the memo by Joyce Bozeman dated February 2, 2006 and found the by-laws to be compatible with the memo.

The LHRC was asked to submit feedback on the CSB's draft Consumer Dispute Resolution policy to Lisa by 5/5 so she can forward the information to the appropriate person.

Loretta reported they were unable to interview a potential applicant because of a conflict of interest. Tim will contact the applicant to see if he is interested in another LHRC.

V. Advocates Report

Tim reported he received three additional calls about the LHRC and mailed them applications. Two other applicants were not eligible and referred to another LHRC.

Tim reported he has not heard back from the Pact team about the plan they sent.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for: **Wednesday, June 14th**, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 836 A of the Pennino Building, 12011 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax County Government Center Complex.