

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

September 12, 2007 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, Jeanne Thomson, Betty Gardner, Chris Harrison

***Others in Attendance:*** Missy King (JDI), Sidney Johnson (JDI), Sue Grigsby (Chimes), Anne Wood (CSI), Laura Carr (APTS), Tim Simmons (HR Advocate), Lisa Blecker (LHRC Support)

The meeting convened at 1:00 p.m. The August 8th minutes were approved as amended.

**I. Revised House Rules (JDI)**

Missy King and Sidney Johnson presented revised house rules. The committee recommended in #5 to state that aggressive and offensive behaviors will not be tolerated. The policies and procedures should then define and quantify these types of behaviors and clarify what may happen to the individual if such behaviors persist. The committee also recommending deleting #8 since it is not appropriate for house rules. JDI will resubmit the revised house rules to the LHRC. The revised policies and procedures will need to be resubmitted to the advocate and the LHRC for approval.

**II. Annual Summary – Chimes**

A summary of the annual human rights activities were presented to the LHRC by Sue Grigsby from Chimes.

**III. Research Proposal**

The LHRC reviewed the information they received on a research proposal on “Children’s Drawings and Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). The committee requested more information on how the data will be used, what happens to the data, are the questions age appropriate for 7-12 year olds, can the questions cause psychological harm, and will the parents see the questions prior to them being asked of the child. The committee will vote on the proposal after the answers to the questions are submitted.

**IV. Restrictive Plan Discussion**

A motion was made, seconded and voted on to move into Executive Session to review client issues at 2:15 p.m. and the committee came out of Executive Session at 3:25 p.m. Two behavior plans were reviewed and there was one recommendation for the LHRC to request a technical review of the connection between medications and diagnosis and another recommendation for the other plan to be amended taking out any references to the transition to the group home

that no longer is applicable. One quarterly was reviewed with the recommendation that the plan only needs to come before the LHRC on an annual basis. Two medication changes were received with recommendations for the programs to use medication consent forms rather than behavior consent forms. Another program requested a one month extension before submitting a revised plan and the request was granted.

#### **V. Committee Business Session**

The committee discussed the need to continue reviewing the various restrictive techniques used in programs. The members will submit any recommendations to Lisa Blecker who will share with the entire committee.

The committee voted to approve the revised policies and procedures for Brain Injury Services. The revised policies and procedures for ETRON did not incorporate all the recommended changes. The committee will draft a letter to ETRON to clarify their status.

The committee discussed the issue that VOPA has eliminated goal #7 because they plan to incorporate that goal into the other six goals. The Chair and advocate clarified that members may comment as individuals; however, it is not appropriate to comment as a committee. Chris Harrison notified the committee that there will be a VOPA meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. in Richmond. There will be a time open for public comment or if people can't make it to the meeting they can email him their comments.

The committee discussed how to streamline their process to better meet the needs of the 24 affiliates. Judy Regner agreed to be the timekeeper at the meetings. The committee agreed after the start of the next calendar year to begin the meetings an hour earlier for a period of time to catch up on annual reports. The committee received a letter from the CSB requesting consideration in presenting their summary to the LHRC. The committee will draft a response to the request.

The committee talked about scheduling visits to MVLE and Blue Ridge Residential Services. The committee will request visiting MVLE on Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Later they will discuss scheduling a visit to Blue Ridge.

#### **VI. Advocate's Report**

Tim Simmons distributed an application for membership to the LHRC. Judy Regner agreed to schedule an interview with a subcommittee and the applicant just prior to the October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Tim Simmons also shared a recent licensure review of the CSB.

Judy Regner and Jeanne Thomson will be attending the 2007 Human Rights Seminar scheduled for September 14<sup>th</sup>. The committee discussed issues regarding review of restrictive plans so they can compare the questions against the new

regulations and ask any needed questions. Lisa Blecker will provide them the necessary forms for reimbursement.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for: **Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**, at 12:00 p.m. in Room 836 A of the Pennino Building, 12011 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax County Government Center Complex.