

## Fredericksburg Area Local Human Rights Committee

### Minutes- **DRAFT**

Regular Quarterly Meeting – May 2, 2008

**Attendance and Determination of Quorum:** Do not have a quorum

**Members:**

Present: Debe Fults, Karen Tiberio

Absent: Lynn DelaMar, Marguerite Roche

Senior Advocate: Mark Seymour

**Affiliates:**

Present: Ida Morefield *Family Love*, Annyoz Hamm *Family Preservation Services*, Dru-Ann Szarlato *Family Solutions*, Jason Sapp, Hazel Sapp, Joanne Lee *Heritage House*, David Ross *Intercept Youth Services*, Chrystal Southworth *Remuda Ranch*, Tamoria Corpening *Tree of Life Christian Counseling*, Pam Golas *Wall Residence Inc.*

Absent: *Blue Ridge Residential* (no local clients)

Guests: none

**Starting of the Meeting /Review of Agenda:** Began at 10:15

**Reading/Approval of old Minutes:** Recommended to change Intercept Youth Services representatives listed attending February 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting to David Ross & Taisha Powell; Approval of February 2008 minutes as amended moved to next meeting since there is no quorum

**Public Comment:** none

**Report of the Regional Advocate:**

- Mark handed out new "blue books" to all affiliates and members present at the meeting
- Providers must report all complaints reasonably attached to Human Rights Rules and Regulations
- A new system is in the works where all complaints will be delivered via email, filtered, then passed on to the advocate

**Report of Members:**

- Debe Fults provided information on a SIBSHOP program (for children with siblings who have a disability) at DRC on May 10<sup>th</sup>; Money Follows the Person Project at DRC on May 15<sup>th</sup>, and information about a competitive wheelchair tennis event in July.
- Annyoz Hamm provided budget information on behalf of Megan Hall. Currently the committee has \$2030.00. Dues have been received from *Blue Ridge*, *Family Preservation Services*, *Family Solutions*, *Heritage House*, *Structures Youth Home*, and *Tree of Life Christian Counseling*.

**Program Reports:**

<u>Blue Ridge Residential Services</u>	Absent, currently have no consumers in our region
<u>Family Love:</u>	Presented Debe Fults with annual report; will email revisions to Human Rights policy to Mark Seymour on 5/2/08
<u>Family Preservation Services:</u>	No complaints or licensure changes; Are implementing changes in HR policies by training with Mark Seymour, Andi Carter, and individuals

	signing a sheet on changes
<u>Family Solutions:</u>	No complaints; all employees are up to date on HR training; Childcare custody exchange program has stopped, but may restart
<u>Heritage House:</u>	No allegations of abuse, 3 complaints-all resolved; now have 5 group homes (23 people) with 7 vacancies; 23 people in day program
<u>Intercept Youth Services</u>	3 discharges since are last meeting; 7 currently in program
<u>Remuda Ranch</u>	Serving 37 people (capable of 48 beds); program is going well; working on implementing a canine program; have an "After Life" program that sends Virginia patients to Arizona to help them after completing their treatment
<u>Structures Youth Home</u>	Absent; Mark does have either revised policy
<u>Tree of Life Christian Counseling</u>	As of June 1, will be moving their office to Massaponax Medical Center; Dr. Jefferson and her husband are certified CPR trainers and are training staff; program at Bragg Hill is moving slowly, but well
<u>Wall Residence Inc.</u>	11 providers serving 15 individuals; 1 discharge due to illness; currently have consumers seeking placements and placements seeking consumers

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

- If there is an interest in more training on Human Rights & Regulations, email Debe Fults so that another training session can be arranged.
- PEOPLE & Dominion Youth Services are seeking affiliation with the Fredericksburg Area Local Human Rights Committee.

**End of meeting:** 11:30 am

**Closed Session:** A motion was made and passed to go into closed session pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2-3711. Upon reconvening, the Local Human Rights Committee certified to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the closed session were discussed in closed session.

**Next meeting dates and place:** September 5, 2008 and December 5, 2008 at the disAbility Resource Center at 10:00 am