

**Draft Genesis LHRC Meeting
February 3, 2009**

Present: Reginald Daye, Regional Advocate

Committee: Lisa Thatcher, Chairperson
Patrick Shunkwiler, Committee Member
Jeanette Ralph, Committee Member (absent)
Carol Kidd, Committee Member
Brenda Hogg, Committee Member (absent)
Yvette McDaniel, Committee Member (absent)

Participants: Francis Bruce, Alpha Community Services
Brenda Lomax, Community Direct Services
Barbara Riggs, Eggleston Services
Georgina Simmons, Hope,Unity,Freedom
Julia Toley, Individual First Incorporated
Gail Hardy-Boyd, Just People Incorporated
Erica Skiamore, Liberty Family Services
Lawrence Batiste, Pleasant Vue
Robert Edmonson, Reliable Community Care

Chairperson Lisa Thatcher called the meeting to order at 9:05am. Each participant introduced themselves. Ms. Thatcher indicated that the LHRC would function as a subcommittee today, due to the lack of a quorum. Chairperson Thatcher suggested that we review the minutes to make necessary modifications. It was noted that Lawrence Baptiste was listed as a LHRC member and that Carol Kidd was noted in the minutes as seconding motions, when she was absent at the meeting. The minutes from the meeting could not be approved because of the LHRC was acting as a subcommittee.

Public Comment:

None

**Ms. Thatcher moved the meeting along by starting with the Advocates Remarks,
Advocate Remarks**

Mr. Daye stated that as a public body, it was a statutory requirement that the members of the Genesis Local Human rights Committee receive training on the FOIA. Mr. Daye provided the training during this subcommittee meeting. He also provided the members with a copy of the VA Code section of the FOIA. Mr. Daye informed the programs that the Community Seclusion and Restraint Reporting Form for CY2008, was due on January 15, 2009 to the Department of mental Health, Mental Retardation and substance Abuse Services. This form must be forwarded to the Richmond office stating whether you had any seclusions and/or restraints in 2008. He also requested that the provider affiliates increase their efforts in locating an active consumer, someone who has received

services within the last 5 years, to fill the vacancy on the LHRC. Mr. Daye informed the providers and members that Mrs. Thatcher and Ms. Jeannette Ralph's second terms on the LHRC will end on 6/30/09. There will be three vacancies on this committee. **You will barely have a quorum to function. Without a quorum, any provider wishing to add services could see a delay in obtaining LHRC affiliation, which will delay the licensing of that service.** He said that he will look at other LHRC's to see if members rotating off are interested in serving on the Genesis LHRC. He said most of those rotating off LHRCs are in the Tidewater area, and do not want to travel to the Peninsula.

Discussions

None.

New Business

None

Old Business

None noted

Program Updates:

Alpha Community Services reported no program changes. ACS reported no restraints, deaths or suicides and licensure visits. He informed that there was an incident that happened at the consumer's day program and was told by Mr. Daye that the incident had been reported. No complaints or allegations were reported. ACS can serve 14 clients is currently serving 9 clients. No request at this time. **The program has not submitted the 2008 restraint report.**

Community Direct Services reported that they are asking for temporary affiliation of three sites: 2344 court circle, Virginia Beach, VA; 2931 Guther Place, Virginia Beach, VA and 916 Marietta Avenue, Norfolk, VA for Sponsorship Placement. Licensure came out to review the homes on January 16, 2009. 22 clients are being served, no complaints, or allegations. CDS reported that there were no restraints, deaths or suicides. There was a case of founded neglect that will be discussed in closed session. CDS is currently serving 20 clients. Mr. Daye asked if the families had had their training and Ms. Lomax reported yes. Mr. Shunkwiler made a motion to have the three sites affiliated; it was seconded by Ms. Carol Kidd. Motion granted by the committee. **The program has submitted the 2088 restraint report.**

Cornerstone Service Intervention Systems was absent and it was recommended that CSIS be dropped down to temporary affiliation. Mr. Shunkwiler made a motion to drop the CSIS to a 90 day temporary affiliation; it was seconded by Ms. Carol Kidd. Motion granted by the committee.

Eggleston Services reported no program changes. Eggleston reported that there was one restraint, type of restraint (Choi); no deaths or suicides and 1 human rights allegation. There were 12 critical incidents reported. Eggleston has the capacity to serve 280 and is currently serving 241 clients. Eggleston services asked for a continued 90 day temporary

affiliation for supportive in-home. A motion was made by Ms. Kidd to grant a continued 90 day temporary affiliation and Mr. Shunkwiler seconded the motion. Motion was granted by the committee.

The program has not submitted the 2008 restraint report.

Hope, Unity, Freedom reported that they were not on the minutes as being present during the last meeting. HUF reported no program changes. No licensure visits no request for site or program approvals. Program is serving 45 clients, no restraints, no complaints or allegations, no deaths or suicides.

The program has not submitted the 2008 restraint report.

Individual First (IF) reported that there were no changes in the program. There was a licensure visit on November 6, 2008. No restraints, deaths or suicides. One complaint which will be heard in closed session. Individual First can serve 15 is currently serving 14 clients. Individual First requested that they have permanent affiliation for the 4th site at 3896 Jousting Arch. Mr. Shunkwiler motioned to grant permanent affiliation and Ms. Kidd seconded that motion. Motion was granted.

The program has submitted the 2008 restraint report.

Just People Incorporated (JPI) reported no program changes. No reports of restraints, deaths or suicides. JPI can serve 16 is serving 13 clients. There were no complaints or allegations. JPI requested permanent affiliation for DD Waiver and Milestone II. Mr. Shunkwiler made a motion to grant permanent affiliation. Ms. Kidd seconded the motion. Motion was granted by the committee.

The program has submitted the 2008 restraint report.

Liberty Family Services reported changes to the program. No licensure visits, the program is serving 28 clients. No reports of restraints, complaints or allegations; no deaths or suicides. Liberty Family Services asked for temporary affiliation for their Day Program. Mr. Shunkwiler made a motion to grant a 90 day affiliation for the Day program. Ms. Kidd seconded the motion. Motion was granted by the committee.

The program has submitted the 2008 restraint report.

Pleasant Vue reported that no changes in program. No reports of restraints, deaths or suicides. No visits this quarter. Pleasant Vue can service 4 clients. At the last meeting Pleasant Vue created a Developed Behavioral Treatment Plan using the token system. It was presented to the committee but could not be approved. Mr. Baptist explained that the program was rewritten and that he consulted with another HR representative. Mr. Baptist was asked to stay and present the program to the committee again. Mr. Baptist decided not to use the token system. No complaints or allegations, no deaths or suicides.

The program has submitted the 2008 restraint report.

Reliable Community Care reported no program changes. Licensure is still pending. Reliable community Care stated that had a visit from Dennis Riddick who recommended that the pond needed a new fence, so they decided to cover it up. Reliable Community Care requested a continued 90 day temporary affiliation for their program. Mr.

Shunkwiler made a motion to grant a 90 day temporary affiliation for the program. Ms. Kidd seconded the motion. Motion was granted by the committee.

Treasurer's Report

\$2,897.68-No additions

Closed session: 10:35am

Mr. Shunkwiler motioned to go into closed session per VA code 2.2-3711A to discuss issues/matters exempt from public disclosure, namely to review client behavior plans, restraints, incidents reports, abuse and complaint investigations at community direct, Eggleston Services, Individual first, and Pleasant Vue. Ms. Kidd seconded that motion. Motion was granted. The LHRC voted to come out of closed session. Upon reconvening in open session, each member certified that only matters exempt from public disclosure was discussed as note above.

- 1. Community Direct: No recommendations made.**
- 2. Eggleston Service: the LHRC request that all peer to peer acts of aggression, as stated in the regulations is reported to the human rights office and to the LHRC.**
- 3. Hope, Unity < Freedom: The LHRC accepted the policy with regard to handling elopements of clients.**
- 4. Individual first: No recommendations.**
- 5. Pleasant Vue: No recommendation, since the provider has decided not to use the token system. There are no restrictions in the behavioral plan that requires LHRC action.**

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Cordially,

Gail Hardy-Boyd
February 18, 2009