

GOOCHLAND POWHATAN COMMUNITY SERVICES
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
July 21, 2009

Goochland Powhatan Community Services Board
3910 Old Buckingham Road
Powhatan, VA 23139

Minutes

Executive Session

The Committee went into Executive Session to interview candidates for the vacancies on the Goochland Powhatan CSB LHRC Committee. The motion was made and passed that the Goochland Powhatan CSB LHRC go into closed session pursuant to Virginia Code §2.1-344 A (4 & 15) for the purpose of interviewing for a member(s) vacancies.

Upon reconvening in public session, the Goochland Powhatan CSB LHRC unanimously certified that to the best of each Committee 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 Executive Session were discussed in the Executive Session.

The Committee unanimously passed a motion to nominate applicant(s)-Walter P. Reeves, Ruth Lavine, Kitty Hardt and Brad Burdette for appointment to the Goochland Powhatan CSB LHRC.

The meeting began at 10am

LHRC Members: Present:

Gwen Hagen, Chair
Vernell Straughter

Mary Jackson contacted GPCS earlier this month and stated that, due to family responsibilities, she would no longer be able to serve on the LHRC.

Human Rights Advocate Present
Sherry Miles, Regional Advocate

Affiliates: Present:

Bob Villa: GPCS
Scott Cook: Hallmark Youthcare
Pascal Thebaud: Virginia Group Homes Services, Inc.
Veronica Davis: Therapeutic Services Unlimited, LLC.
Ashley Kemnitz: National Counseling Group
Michael Jordan: Next Level Residential Services
Linda Coles: Heartfield Home for Boys
Olusola Akinkuade: Royal Care Residential Services
Donna Robinson: AnnZetta's Therapeutic Home for Boys
Beata Junot: VABODE

I. Minutes from January 20, 2009 meeting (disseminated at previous meeting but due to lack of quorum, no approval could be made) and April 21, 2009 meeting, approved.

II. Committee membership

- A. The reappointment of Gwen Hagen for 3 years
- B. This LHRC still needs one more consumer to become a member.

III. State Updates: Sherry Miles

- A. FOIA Training Sherry passed out a packet of information, from a PowerPoint Presentation, on the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
- B. Sherry stated that she has received complaints about Logisticare, the DMAS transportation broker. She stated that those complaints need to go to DMAS directly, and not her, and she passed out the Logisticare complaint form.
- C. Sherry passed out copies of the changes to the Affiliation Agreement that became effective July 1st.

IV. Affiliate Reports

A. Goochland Powhatan Community Services: Bob Villa
No complaints

B. Hallmark Youthcare: Scott Cook
Section I; 1 Informal HR complaint, resolved. Section II 84 complaints, 74 were peer-to-peer, 10 were related to seclusion/restraints; all were unfounded.

C. National Counseling Group: Ashley Kemnitz
No complaints.

D. Heartfield Home for Boys: Linda P. Coles
Section I; No complaints. Section II 3 peer-to-peer complaints, all unfounded,

E. Next Level Residential Services: Michael Jordan
No complaints

F. AnnZetta's Therapeutic Home for Boys: Donna Robinson
One allegation of neglect, as the staff member on duty left the home unattended with clients in the home. Due to the age of the clients, CPS was notified and a disposition of Founded was determined. The staff member was terminated.

Donna stated that a new staff member, Torrey Wood, has been appointed as the new liaison to the LHRC.

G. VABODE: Beata Junot.
Section I, No complaints. Section II, 2 complaints.

H. Virginia Group Home Services, Inc: Pascal B. Thebaud
No complaints. Were licensed for new group home in April

I. Therapeutic Services Unlimited, LLC: Veronica Davis
No complaints

J. Royal Care Residential Services: Olusola Akinkuade
Still waiting for Licensing approval.

Sherry stated that Licensing has lost two staff positions and currently are addressing their backlog of complaints; new licensing applications are secondary to addressing complaints of current providers.

V. Presentation

- A. Next Level Residential Services Adding New Location. Adding a Co-Ed group home for ID clients.
- B. National Counseling Group is adding a new location. Are opening a new office in Petersburg, offering the same services as they are currently providing in the Richmond area.

VI. Other

Randy Camden will be taking over liaison responsibilities to the LHRC for Goochland Powhatan Community Services. Phone number 804/556-5422, e-mail address rcamden@co.goochland.va.us

VII Next meeting of the Committee

Tuesday, October 20th, 2009; at Hallmark Youthcare in Goochland. The executive session, for members and new members only at 9am, regular meeting to begin at 9:30am;

VIII. The meeting adjourned at 11:10am