

GOOCHLAND POWHATAN COMMUNITY SERVICES  
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

**January 26, 2010**

**National Counseling Group**  
5002 Monument Avenue  
Richmond, VA 23230

**Minutes**

The quarterly meeting of the Goochland Powhatan Local Human Rights Committee met as scheduled at National Counseling Group. The meeting was convened at 9:35 a.m.

**LHRC Members: Present:**

Gwen Hagen, Chair  
Vernell Straughter  
Brad Burdette  
Ruth Levine  
Walter Reeves

It was noted that the committee needs one additional consumer member.

**Human Rights Advocate Present**

Sherry Miles, Regional Advocate

**Affiliates: Present:**

Randy Camden: GPCS  
Scott Cook: Hallmark Youthcare  
Charles Hodges: hallmark Youthcare  
Pascal Thebaud: Virginia Group Homes Services, Inc.  
Veronica Davis: Therapeutic Services Unlimited, LLC.  
Ashley Kemnitz: National Counseling Group  
Jennifer Sumner: National Counseling Group  
April Jones: National Counseling Group  
Michael Jordan: Next Level Residential Services  
Linda Coles: Heartfield Home for Boys  
Vena Ndiaye  
Olusola Akinkuade: Royal Care Residential Services  
Donna Robinson: AnnZetta's Therapeutic Home for Boys  
Sebastion Symeonides: VABODE

**Affiliates: Absent**

Family and Adolescent Services

- I. Minutes from October 20, 2009 meeting approved.
  
- II. Committee membership
  - A. This LHRC still needs one more consumer to become a member.
  
- III. State Updates: Sherry Miles
  - A. Documentation: Sherry stressed that detailed documentation will save more time and effort than it takes. If it is not written down, it didn't happen!
  - B. New process for adding new services and locations. The process is to contact Margaret Walsh first. Initially it is OK to contact Sherry, who will refer you to Margaret Walsh.
  - C. Sherry reiterated the financial crisis within Virginia. One of the most common signs is the number of vacant positions that are going unfilled.
  - D. Sherry also advised of the increase in Medicaid site reviews and audits.
  
- IV. Affiliate Reports
  - A. Goochland Powhatan Community Services: Randy Camden  
Section I: 3 incidents of peer-on-peer; all addressed in Behavioral Plans. 1 formal complaint, resolved as unfounded, but having desired resolution. 1 medication error. Section II: 2 allegations; both unfounded. Two consumer deaths, both discovered by family and both by apparent natural causes..
  
  - B. Hallmark Youthcare: Scott Cook  
Section I: 1 complaints. Section II: 97 complaints, all were unfounded.
  
  - C. National Counseling Group, Petersburg: Ashley Kemnitz  
No complaints. Promoted one staff to Clinical Supervisor and hired another staff.  
  
National Counseling Group, Richmond: Jennifer Sumner  
Section I: 2 informal complaints, resolved. Section II: no complaints. Promoted a Community Based Counselor to Clinical Supervisor.
  
  - D. Heartfield Home for Boys: Verna Ndye  
Section I; No complaints. 0 Complaints.. Section II no complaints. There were three peer-to-peer incidents. One resident discharged for non-compliance with program guidelines.
  
  - E. Next Level Residential Services: Michael Jordan

Section I: No complaints; Section 2: 1 complaint.

F. AnnZetta's Therapeutic Home for Boys:

Section 1: 0 complaints. Section 2: No complaints.

G. VABODE: Sebastian Symeonides.

Section I, No complaints. Section II, No complaints.

Licensing visit; no violations. Triennial license issued.

H. Virginia Group Home Services, Inc: Pascal B. Thebaud

No complaints.

2 new staff.

I. Therapeutic Services Unlimited, LLC: Veronica Davis

No complaints

J. Royal Care Residential Services: Olusola Akinkuade

Absent.

K. Family and Adolescent Services: Absent

#### V. Presentation

- A. AnnZetta's Therapeutic Home for Boys presented a request for Reinstatement of Affiliation with this LHRC. A system including additional backup for attendance has been instituted. **Upon motion and second, Anzetta's Therapeutic Home for Boys has been Approved for Reinstatement to the Goochland Powhatan LHRC.**
- B. Heartfield Home For Boys, Inc. presented a request to this LHRC to add Mental Health Support Services. This service will be to assist residents and their parents in transitioning home or to a less intensive treatment setting. This service will allow client support through case management as well as life and coping skills building. **Upon motion and second, Heartfield Home For Boys, Inc. receives approval from the Goochland Powhatan LHRC to add Mental health Support Services.**
- C. Therapeutic Services Unlimited, LLC presented a request to this LHRC to add Mental Health Supports as a service. These supports were developed with the vision to help maintain mentally ill adults in their homes and communities. It is the hope to help increase the client's overall adaptive functioning which includes basic living skills such as housing, employment, money management and health and safety. **Upon amotion and second, Therapeutic Services Unlimited, LLC receives approval from the Goochland Powhatan LHRC for the addition of Mental Health Support Services**
- D. Hallmark Youthcare presented a request to add a new service under their current CORE Residential License. It is their request to provide services

to Sexual Offending males, between the ages of 12-17 years of age in a locked secure environment. Scott Cook introduced Charles Hodges with whom Hallmark has contracted to assist in the development and oversight of the program. The goal of the STOP Program (Stop The Offending Prevention Program ) is to help male adolescents who have committed sex offenses stop their abusive behaviors. It is a residential treatment program designed to give hope, develop new skills to avoid future sexual abusing, and provide a chance to develop a new future for the adolescent abuser. The program is designed to work with adolescent males ages 12-17, with an I.Q. of 70 or above, who have a documented history of sexually abusive behaviors and who present an impending risk to the community. If addition of this service is approved, a variance of current Human Rights policy will need to be considered at a later date. **Upon discussion, motion and second, Hallmark Youthcare receives approval from the Goochland Powhatan LHRC for the addition of the STOP Program, for the residential treatment of adolescent male sex offenders.**

VI. Next Meeting Tuesday, April 20, 2010

- Goochland Powhatan Community Services; Powhatan Office
- 3910 Old Buckingham Road
- Powhatan, VA 23139
- 804.598.2200

VIII. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am

Respectfully submitted,

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