

GOOCHLAND POWHATAN COMMUNITY SERVICES  
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 2006

Present:            LHRC Members:            Nancy Alexander  
   Elizabeth Middleton  
   Eulease Cypress

                                 Affiliates:                            Scott Cook, Hallmark Youthcare  
   Patricia Hawkins, Heart Havens, Inc.  
   Chris Baham,  
   Ashley Kemnitz, National Counseling

                                 Staff:    Susan Bergquist  
   Bill Desmond

                                 Advocate:                                        James Bowser  
   Collette Ashiru

The minutes of the September 13, 2005 and November 7, 2005 meetings were approved on motion of Nancy Alexander and seconded by Eulease Cypress.

I. Affiliate Reports:

- a. GPCS had no complaints to report.
- b. Heart Havens had nothing to report.
- c. Scott Cook reported that Hallmark Youthcare handled 19 informal complaints in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2005. No formal complaints were received. Five allegations of abuse were investigated and determined to be unfounded; Child Protective Services declined to investigate any of these incidents. There were no allegations of neglect and no completed suicides or attempts. Eight suicidal gestures were investigated and resolved. A risk management analysis found 87 peer-to-peer aggressive incidents, 47 of which resulted in minor injuries.
- d. Chris Baham of National Counseling Group had nothing to report.

II. Research Project

Scot Cook and Collette Ashiru reported on Ms. Ashiru's study of co-occurring disorders among adolescents which will be carried out at Hallmark Youthcare. The proposal calls for collection of demographic data only with no client identification, and was approved unanimously on motion of Eulease Cypress and seconded by Nancy Alexander.

III. In-Service Training

Scot Cook presented an in-service on Human Rights Reporting

#### IV. State Updates

Jim Bowser announced that proposed revisions of the Human Rights Regulations are still under consideration at the Governors Office, and will be released in the early spring of 2006. Human Rights training sessions will be held in Charlottesville or Richmond in the fall of this year. Mr. Bowser also announced that under FOIA, minutes of LHRC minutes must be posted on the internet.

#### V. GPCS Items of Interest

Susan Bergquist reminded the committee of the proposed \$170 million increase now under consideration in the General Assembly.

#### VI. Amendments To Bylaws

The amendments to the bylaws which were presented at the November 7, 2005 meeting were approved on motion of Nancy Alexander, seconded by Eulease Cypress.

#### VII. Future Meetings

The next meeting was scheduled for April 25, 2006 at the Powhatan office of Goochland-Powhatan Community Services.

Proposed dates and locations for future meetings:

July 25, 2006 at Heart Havens

October 31, 2006 at GPCS in Powhatan

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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