

GOOCHLAND POWHATAN LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

January 29, 2008

LHRC Members:	Present:	Absent :
	Gwen Hagen, Chair	Joan Doss
	Nancy Alexander	
	Eulease Cypress	

Affiliates:	Present:	Absent:
	Susan Bergquist, GPCS	Chris Baham, National
	Terry Barnes, Heart Havens	Counseling Group
	Scott Cook, Hallmark Youthcare	
	Linda Coles, Heartfield Home	
	Michael Jordan, Next Level	
	Angela Brown, Patrice's Place	
	Sebastian Symeondes, VABODE	
	Pascal Thebaud, Virginia Group Homes Services, Inc.	
	Lamar Hagues, AnnZetta's Therapeutic Home for Boys	

I. Minutes. The minutes for the meeting held on October 30, 2007 were reviewed and approved upon motion by Eulease Cypress, seconded by Nancy Alexander; the corrected spelling of Jim Bowser's name was noted.

II. Committee Vacancy: Mr. Bowser emphasized that member recruitment for the LHRC is the responsibility of all the affiliates. We need at least one more member, and can have 3 more. Affiliates are asked to forward names to Mr. Bowser or Bob Villa within 2 weeks, so that the candidate can be contacted and an application forwarded to them and the appointment process begun. We decided that another consumer member would be helpful and the others could be any interested person.

III. Affiliate Reports:

A. Goochland Powhatan Community Services – one formal complaint of peer to peer unwanted contact, reported to HR, Licensure and Powhatan DSS. DSS investigated and proved unfounded. Licensure review in December at unannounced visit showed completion of all suggested remedies.

B. Heart Havens – No report of any complaints during the quarter.

C. Hallmark Youthcare – see written report. Significant decrease in holds and restraints, owing to better trained staff and better follow up.

D. National Counseling Group – no representative present

E. Heartfield Home – 1 report of peer to peer aggression, physical altercation, and investigation showed that staffing was appropriate and that the incident was handled appropriately. No one pressed charges.

F. Next Level Residential – No formal complaints, one informal incident of food throwing.

G. Patrice's Place – No report of complaints, no consumers yet.

H. AnnZetta's Home for Boys – Only one resident at this time, recruiting for 3 more.

I. VABODE – No formal or informal complaints. Intent for program expansion distributed and explained. Approved as covered by this LHRC under current affiliation upon motion by Eulease Cypress and seconded by Nancy Alexander.

J. Virginia Group Home Services still awaiting license hopefully in 2 weeks.

IV. State Updates: Carrie Flowers will take over as the technical advisor to this LHRC, and will be the HR contact person for all affiliate providers for all complaints and reports. Jim Bowser will continue to check in and periodically attend the LHRC meetings. The implementation schedule for the new/current HR regulations is that we must be following them now, and our written policies and procedures must be in compliance by March 1, 2008. We attest this by an email to Margaret Walsh and need to send a hard copy of the revised HR P&P to Carrie Flowers.

V. Terry Barnes, Heart Havens, will be submitting a letter withdrawing his affiliation with this LHRC. Heart Havens will consolidate their LHRC affiliation and will continue on with the Henrico LHRC. This will leave a vacancy for an affiliate on this LHRC.

VI. Affiliation Agreements and Fee:

The affiliation agreements were distributed, for the calendar year of January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008. GPCS will send an invoice for the affiliation fee of \$100; providers need that for their bookkeeping purposes.

VII. Hallmark Youthcare presented its proposal for a variance in requesting the ability to provide a "Structured Living Program" to youths to provide a secure, safe way to assess their further appropriateness for the Hallmark program and to manage safely aggressive behaviors. The Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of this variance to the SHRC at its March 7, 2008 meeting upon motion by Eulease Cypress, seconded by Nancy Alexander. A letter to this effect will be sent to Jim Bowser to get this item on the SHRC agenda.

Hallmark also requested an expansion of their services – to community based in home and mentoring services, as part of their affiliation with this LHRC. This will be requested in writing at the April meeting.

VIII. Next Meeting: April 29, 2008 9:30 am, at Hallmark Youthcare.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.