

GOOCHLAND POWHATAN COMMUNITY SERVICES
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 24, 2007

LHRC Members:	PRESENT Nancy Alexander Gwen Hagen	ABSENT Joan Doss Eulease Cypress
Affiliates:	PRESENT Scott Cook, Hallmark Youthcare Linda Coles, Heartfield Home Ashley Kemnitz, National Counseling	ABSENT Terry Barnes, Heart Havens Michael Jordan, Next Level
Others:	James Bowser, Advocate, DMHMRSAS Carrie Flowers, DMHMRSAS Angela Brown, Patrice's Place Sebastian Symeonides, VABODE Bill Desmond, GPCS	

The meeting was hosted by Hallmark Youthcare. Due to the absence of a quorum, no formal actions were taken by the Committee.

1. *Minutes*

The minutes of the January 30, 2007 meeting were reviewed. It was noted that Scott Cook's new title is Chief *Executive* Officer of Hallmark Youthcare. This change will be reflected when the minutes are presented for approval at the next meeting.

II. *Committee Vacancy*

Nancy Alexander reported that she knows of two potential members, and Sebastian Symeonides mentioned another possible recruit. They will forward these names to Bill Desmond. A review of the membership noted that the required representation of health care providers and consumers presently exists on the Committee.

III. *Affiliate Applications*

Angela Brown brought materials describing Patrice's Place, a group home setting for girls ages 13 through 17 in south Richmond, which Ms. Brown reports is ready to accept referrals pending Human Rights approval. The facility will serve a maximum of six residents and counseling will be provided by a Licensed Clinical Social Worker.

Sebastian Symeonides of VABODE was also present to request affiliation with the Committee. VABODE is located on Staples Mill Road and provides in-home services and mental health support.

Nancy Alexander and Gwen Hagen as the two Committee members present, recommended that action be taken at the next meeting giving affiliate status to Patrice's Place and VABODE.

IV. *Affiliate Reports*

Goochland Powhatan Community Services – An incident in which a staff person was injured by a consumer was reported. Legal charges have been brought against the consumer.

Heart Havens – A written report was faxed indicating no complaints or allegations of abuse. Supervisory changes in the program were reported.

Hallmark Youthcare – Scott Cook reported that the facility was cited for failing to report an incident to Human Rights within 24 hours. During the reporting period 29 informal complaints were received and resolved. Two suicide attempts/gestures led to risk assessment and inpatient hospitalization in one of the instances. Incidents of peer-to-peer aggression declined during the 1st quarter; the percentage of seclusions of less than one hour was within control limits.

National Counseling Group – No report.

Heartfield Home for Boys – No report.

Next Step Residential – No representative present; no report received. Mr. Bowser will follow up with the facility director.

V. *State Updates*

Mr. Bowser reported that Nancy Alexander was honored at a volunteer luncheon held in April in Staunton.

A model affiliate agreement was presented which will be adapted for use by the Goochland Powhatan Committee. As decided at the last meeting, the agreement will include annual fees of \$100 payable on the calendar year. It was recommended that the fee covering the period from July 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007 be prorated to \$50, payable by 7/31/07, and that fees for GPCS be waived.

VI *Other: Locations of meetings*

National Counseling will host the next meeting of the Committee on July 31, 2007 at their office at 5002 Monument Avenue, Suite 201, Richmond, Virginia 23230.

The following meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 30, 2007.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

William T. Desmond, Ph.D.
Director of Clinical Services