

GOOCHLAND POWHATAN LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

April 29, 2008

LHRC Members: Present:

Gwen Hagen, Chair
Nancy Alexander
Eulease Cypress
Joan Doss

Human Rights Advocate Present

Carrie Flowers

Affiliates: Present:

Susan Bergquist, Bob Villa GPCS
Scott Cook, Hallmark Youthcare
Linda Coles, Heartfield Home
Pascal Thebaud, Virginia Group Homes Services, Inc.
Lamar Hagues, AnnZetta's Therapeutic Home for Boys
Chris Baham, Ashley Kemnitz National Counseling Group

Absent:

Michael Jordan, Next Level (arrived after meeting had officially concluded)
Sebastian Symeondes, VABODE
Angela Brown, Patrice's Place

I. Minutes. The minutes for the meeting held on January 29, 2008 were reviewed and approved upon motion by Eulease Cypress, seconded by Nancy Alexander

II. Committee Vacancy: Emphasized that member recruitment for the LHRC is the responsibility of all the affiliates; there is no representation from the Richmond/Petersburg area.

III. Affiliate Reports:

A. Goochland Powhatan Community Services – two informal complaints, one resolved, the other ongoing; staff receiving counseling and retraining on appropriate communication skills.

B. Hallmark Youthcare. Five informal complaints, all resolved. No formal complaints. Anticipating in May to receive a license to provide in home services.

C. National Counseling Group – No report of complaints

D. Heartfield Home – 1 report of peer to peer aggression, one incident of AWOL (client returned shortly)

E. Next Level Residential –No Staff in attendance; however, Michael Jordan arrived after the meeting had ended (he became lost on the way to the meeting, and met with Gwen Hagen and Nancy Alexander afterwards). No report; however, they did receive a visit from Licensure and expect their License in the mail very soon.

F. Patrice's Place- No Staff in attendance

G. AnnZetta's Home for Boys – Now has 2 residents. No reports of complaints.

H. Virginia Group Home Services- Received its license to operate

I. VABODE – Was not in attendance, but requested that Pascal Thebaud report for them; no report of complaints or abuse. Now operating an in-home program in Fork Union with 8 clients.

IV. State Updates: Carrie Flowers reported that each agency's new/current HR regulations were required to be received by Margaret Walsh by April 15th, 2008; agencies will be cited if their plans were not received by that date. The next SHRC meeting will be held on May 30th; all agenda items need to be sent in by May 13th, 2008.

V. Vacancy: As a result of Heart Havens leaving this LHRC (they are affiliates of another LHRC in the region), there is one vacancy for an affiliate on this LHRC.

VI. Affiliation Agreements and Fee:

All affiliates were reminded that their agreement and fee for the calendar year of January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008, need to be forwarded to GPCS.

VII. Other Items: Hallmark Youthcare is willing to present training on how to complete investigations at the next LHRC meeting. Also at the next meeting, GPCS will share a copy of their HR test, adapted from a test created by PW County CSB.

VIII. Next Meeting: July 29, 2008 11:30 am, at Goochland Powhatan Community Services; lunch, catered by Virginia House, to follow.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.