

Heart Havens, Inc. – Mr. Bowser noted absences at previous meetings and recommended that the Committee take action. There was consensus that a letter detailing attendance will be sent to Heart Havens.

Hallmark Youthcare – Scot Cook reported that the facility received no formal complaints during the second quarter of 2006. Informal complaints numbered 27, all of which were resolved informally. There were 6 allegations of abuse which DSS declined to investigate. Nine suicide attempts/gestures were handled by staff without serious injury. Three incidents of sexual acting out were resolved by changes in living spaces. An increase has been noted in residents possessing contraband items, and Mr. Cook will consult with Mr. Bowser regarding need for a variance to allow an increase in frequency of searches.

National Counseling Group – Mr. Baham announced that all staff will receive “Handle with Care” training for situations requiring physical restraint.

VI. *Presentation:* National Counseling presented an overview of operating policies. Mr. Baham reported that seclusion and other forms of restraint are not currently in use in their programs. It was recommended that provisions dealing with these techniques may be deleted from the policy, or that policies make clear that physical restraint is used only as an emergency procedure.

VII. *State Updates:*

1. Mr. Bowser introduced Tonya Cunningham, Human Rights Advocate from DMHMRSAS.
2. The training for LHRC members scheduled in September has been postponed.
3. The rewrite of the Human Rights regulations was still awaiting approval from the Governor’s Office as of this date.
4. Posting of LHRC minutes on the DMHMRSAS website became a requirement as of 7/1/2006.

VIII. *Other:* National Counseling announced plans to initiate treatment programs for adult and adolescent sex offenders, including outpatient and intensive outpatient services, in approximately six weeks.

The Committee will meet again on 10/31/2006. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on motion of Nancy Alexander, seconded by Joan Doss.

Respectfully submitted,

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