

GOOCHLAND POWHATAN LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Goochland Powhatan Community Services Board
3910 Old Buckingham Road
Powhatan, VA 23139

MEETING MINUTES
January 20, 2009

LHRC Members: Present:

Nancy Alexander
Gwen Hagen, Chair
Vernell Straughter

Not Present:

Eulease Cypress
Joan Doss
Mary Jackson

Human Rights Advocates Present

James Bowser
Sherry Miles

Affiliates: Present:

Bob Villa GPCS
Scott Cook, Hallmark Youthcare
Pascal Thebaud, Virginia Group Homes Services, Inc.
Sheronica Brown VABODE
Veronica Davis, Therapeutic Services Unlimited, LLC.

Not Present

Lamar Hagues, AnnZetta's Therapeutic Home for Boys
Ashley Kemnitz National Counseling Group
Michael Jordan, Next Level Residential Services
Linda Coles, Heartfield Home for Boys

The meeting began at 9:45am without a quorum; therefore the approval of minutes was delayed until later in the meeting.

I. Affiliate Reports:

- A. Goochland Powhatan Community Services – No report of complaints
- B. Hallmark Youthcare. 2 informal complaints, no formal complaints. 3 allegations of abuse/neglect, 2 unfounded, one result was determined to be inappropriate behavior on the part of staff. Peer to Peer aggression events, with and without injury, was .45 per 1000 resident hours for the 4th Quarter 2008 (61)
- C. National Counseling Group – e-mailed a report, No report of complaints
- D. Heartfield Home – Faxed in a report, No complaints, one report of peer on peer aggression, which was reported to office of Human Rights. Now have 5 residents.
- E. Next Level Residential –No report of complaints
- F. AnnZetta's Home for Boys – No report
- H. Virginia Group Home Services- No report of complaints
- I. VABODE – No report of complaints. Have hired three new licensed mental health professional and five new clinicians
- J. Therapeutic Services Unlimited, LLC No complaints. Now have 11 clients.

II. Committee membership

New Member Vernell Straughter is attending her first meeting.

III. Request for Affiliation

Royal Care Residential Services is requesting affiliation, awaiting their Licensure visit. It is a group home for 4 individuals with mental retardation and concurrent mental illness, and who qualify for Virginia's MR Medicaid Waiver. The Committee approved the affiliation.

IV. Presentation

Hallmark Youthcare has made an application for Day Treatment Support License through DMHMRSAS and Treatment Foster Care through DSS. With Therapeutic Day Treatment Services, the goal is to enable children/adolescents to develop the necessary skills

needed to succeed in the school setting and the community. The committee approved the request to add this service.

V. State Updates

Jim Bowser reports that he is retiring and that Sherry Miles will be the Advocate assigned to this LHRC. He also stated that it was the affiliates' responsibility to attend ALL of the LHRC meetings, unless a medical or program emergency prevented attendance. Calling and stating that you will not be able to attend, and/or sending in your report is not a sufficient response. Additionally, all programs should have a back-up in place in case the named liaison is unable to attend.

A letter will be written and sent to all affiliates to remind them of their obligations to the LHRC.

VI. The minutes from the November 12th Special meeting were approved.

VII. Affiliate Agreements and Fees

Five affiliates signed their agreements and submitted their \$100 affiliate fee:

Hallmark Youthcare, Virginia Group Homes Services, Inc, .VABODE, Therapeutic Services Unlimited, LLC, and Royal Care Residential Services

VIII. Other

- A. Discussion of how to present a request to add services to an existing affiliate.

The request needs to be in writing and in advance of the next meeting. The bi-laws and/or affiliate agreement will be reviewed to determine how to add this statement.

- B. A request was made to send all affiliates the names and contact information for the members and the affiliates; Bob agreed to do this via e-mail.

IX. Next Scheduled Meeting:

Tuesday, April 21, 2009 9:30 am, at GPCS's office in Goochland, 3052 River Road West

The meeting adjourned at 11:50am.