

**HAMPTON REGIONAL  
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE  
4207 Victoria Blvd Hampton VA 23661  
February 20, 2008  
10:00 am  
FINAL MINUTES**

**In attendance**

**Committee Members:** Rebecca Newsome, chair; Lawrence Strauss, Vice-chair, Wanda Slade, Secretary

**Staff/Resources:** Willie Barnes, Advocate; James Wallace, Secretary

**Affiliates:** Terrance Jones, Alliant Consortium; Marietta Cottingham, Serenity C&C; MiMi Sedjat, BITE, Inc; Janet Boney, Boney Residential; DB Malone, Visions; Clifford Hammond, Visions; Jeanny Murphy, Caring Family Home; Kimberlee Mack-Mathews, Higher Heights; Tammy Loney, Higher Heights; Joyce Keene, Family & Adolescent Services; Mary Goddard, LG Wood Management; Brenda Flynn, LG Wood Management; Kenneth Anderson, The New Y-CAPP; Jo Ella Harvey, People II; Barbara Dobbs, People II; Sandra Hudson, Family Group Home; Georgia Ebron, Family Group Home; Frances Curry, Family Group Home; Ruth Mattocks, Family Impact; Tarnisha Carter, Family Impact; Chanell Purvis, Bell's Haven

**Guests:** Christopher Hanford, Linda Barnes and Gloria Newell-Purdue

**Welcome/Call to order**

Ms. Newsome, Chairperson, opened the meeting at 10:10 am. The chairperson then announced the commencement of closed session to interview candidate Linda Barnes and Gloria Newell-Purdue for the vacant committee position. Members present elected to conduct the interviews prior to regular session, so as to not inconvenience the applicants. Closed session began at 10:15 AM and the meeting returned to open session at 10:50 AM.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

**Motion:** Committee member, made a motion that the committee go into Executive Session, pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2-3711A(4) for the protection of the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business, namely to interview perspective applicants for membership to Hampton Regional LHRC, pursuant to the regulations.

**Action:** Motion was so moved by Mr. Strauss. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

**Reconvened in Open Session:** Upon reconvening in Open Session, members of the Hampton Regional LHRC unanimously certified to the best of their knowledge that only public business matters exempt from statutory open meeting requirements and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the Executive Session were discussed in accordance to Virginia Code 2.2-3711 A (4).

Recommendation from Closed Session: The committee members present recommended that Ms Gloria Newell-Purdue's application be forwarded to the SHRC for membership to the Hampton Regional Local Committee.

Action: This recommendation was voted for approval by a motion from Mr. Strauss, seconded by Ms. Newsome and all members present agreed.

### **Review the agenda**

Minutes were reviewed and approved with modifications from December 4, 2007

Felicia Mattox, Treasurer, announced there is \$3,219.00 in the account for all of the affiliates of the committee. Those affiliates who have not paid will be reminded by mail in one week. Checks were given to the committee members for reimbursement of their travel. The new rate of mileage repayment is now \$.44 per mile.

### **New Business**

- Alliant Consortium requested and was granted continued temporary affiliation.
- LG Wood Management requested and was granted continued temporary affiliation per review of the documentation by the committee.
- CHARIS Support Services requested and was granted continued temporary affiliation based on review of the presented documents. It was also suggested to add the role of the LHRC in the letter submitted to the committee.
- Family and Adolescent Services requested and was granted continued temporary affiliation.
- Higher Heights requested and was granted continued temporary affiliation with modifications to behavioral plan and rules of conduct.
- People Too, LLC requested and was granted continued temporary affiliation pending the review of submitted documentation.
- Serenity C&C requested and was granted continued temporary affiliation.
- The New YCAPP requested and was granted continued temporary affiliation after review of the behavioral modification and rules of conduct and additional information to the staff training policy. It was suggested that the revised policies should be submitted to the Advocate in Region V.
- Bell's Haven requested and was granted continued temporary affiliation.
- Family Group Home requested and was granted continued temporary affiliation.
- Family Impact requested and was granted continued temporary affiliation.
- Angelic Hearts representation was not in attendance. A motion was presented to suspend their affiliation and properly seconded. Angelic Hearts is required to be present at the next meeting to possibly re-affiliate and explain why there was no representation.
- B.I.T.E. requested and was granted continued temporary affiliation.

### **New requests for Affiliation**

Visions Family Services requested and was granted temporary affiliation pending requested revisions as indicated. There was a vote of no but the majority vote was yes. Rules of conduct and behavioral management were accepted pending final review by LHRC. There was a vote a no but the majority was yes.

Boney Residential Services requested and was granted continued temporary affiliation.

### **Current Updates**

- Caring Family Homes provided updates to the committee.
- Fourth Bay Ventures provided update to the committee.
- H&L Webb representation was not present. Affiliation was reduced to temporary.

### **Advocates Report**

Mrs. Barnes informed the meeting that all affiliates are required to send the letters to Margaret Walsh by March 1, 2008. This letter will certify that the policies and procedure are in compliance with the changes as of September 19, 2007. Next, all affiliates have to submit the modified copy and the policy and procedure to the Region V Advocate, Reginald Daye, and to any other regional where there is a current affiliation.

A motion was granted that the committee receive a copy of all revised behavior intervention and rules of conduct. The motion was properly seconded.

### **Public Comment**

- James Wallace discussed the conditions of the affiliate agreement and the necessary consideration to consummate the agreement.
- James Wallace informed the affiliates that the May 21, 2008 meeting will be the last with the current secretary and treasurer. At this meeting, a new secretary and a new treasurer will be identified.
- The affiliates responsible for food will be CHARIS, BITE, PEOPLE TOO, LG WOOD.

### **Date, Time and Location of next meeting**

May 21, 2008 10:00 am. Hampton Public Library