

Hampton Roads Regional LHRC Meeting

May 28, 2008

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Marilyn Copeland at 10:00 AM.

II. INTRODUCTIONS:

Quorum present: Mary Baylor, Marilyn Copeland, and Sara Flippens.
Quorum absent: Dr. Roderick S. Hawthorne, LHRC Chairman.

Human Rights Advocate, DMHMRSAS, present: Gianna Mitchell.

Affiliate Representatives: Stephen Marsden, Community Services of Virginia, Inc.; Pamela Young, Didlake, Inc.; Joan Whitted, Emerson Place, Inc.; Rodney Hawkins, Evolve, LLC; Juanita Austin & Vanessa Futrell, Family Redirection Institute, Inc.; Rodney Hawkins, G.R.A.C.E., Inc.; Rita Fisher, James Bentley Treatment Program; Kimberly Davis, Northwestern Human Services, Inc.; Joanna Stinespring, Sentara Behavioral Health Services; Joanna Stinespring, Sentara Senior Behavioral Health Services; Arlethea Evans, Tranquility Manor, LLC; and Unique Friends, LLC – not represented.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes for the meeting held 2/27/08 were reviewed, approved (with a correction reflecting the recommendations for Community Services of Virginia, Inc. during closed session), and forwarded to Margaret Walsh, State Human Rights Director.

A hard copy of the minutes will be mailed to Reginald Daye, Regional Advocate.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

Competency-based training is required annually. There is a possibility that training will be scheduled for October.

There is currently one vacancy for a committee member on this LHRC. The LHRC interviewed an interested candidate, Doris Peterkin, and recommended she be appointed.

The minutes approved at the current meeting will be forwarded to Margaret Walsh, State Human Rights Director, to be posted on the state website (margaret.walsh@co.dmhmrsas.virginia.gov) within three (3) business days. A draft of the current minutes will be forwarded to Margaret Walsh for posting on the website within ten (10) business days of the Committee meeting. The “Freedom of Information Act” mandates that all service providers post at each of their sites the date, time, and location of all scheduled LHRC meetings. This posting will include a list of all meetings scheduled for the remainder of the year (8/27/08, 11/26/08, and 2/25/09).

V. NEW BUSINESS:

The revised Human Rights policies and procedures submitted by each of the providers are still being reviewed. Gianna Mitchell suggested that all providers make sure training is provided to ensure compliance with Human Rights revisions.

The satellite Office of Human Rights located at Eastern State Hospital has moved from Building 2 to Building 33.

The role of making LHRC meeting reminder/notification calls is rotated among all the affiliates. Didlake, Inc. is responsible for notifying affiliates and committee members of the LHRC meeting scheduled for 8/27/08.

Bill Miller, currently managing the finances, reported a balance of \$2,738 as of 5/28/08.

VI. NEW PROGRAMS REQUESTING AFFILIATION:

Emerson Place, Inc. requested a renewal of their temporary affiliation for supportive/in-home services. The Committee voted and approved to continue their temporary affiliation for supportive/in-home services.

Northwestern Human Services, Inc. requested a renewal of their temporary affiliation for an additional group home and day support program. The Committee voted and approved to continue temporary affiliation for the additional home and day support program.

VII. PROGRAM REPORTS:

Community Services of Virginia, Inc. – 70 consumers (18 are receiving in-home services, 18 in day support programs, and 34 are group home

residents). No seclusion or restraints were reported, but one allegation of abuse/neglect was reported.

Didlake, Inc. – 30 consumers are in day support (no longer offers residential support). One restraint was reported, but no complaints, abuse, or seclusion were reported.

Emerson Place, Inc. – 4 residential consumers. No complaints, abuse, seclusion, or restraints reported. A progress report of an approved behavioral plan that includes the use of a protective device must be presented to the LHRC at each quarterly meeting.

Evolve, LLC – 16 consumers are receiving intensive in-home services. No seclusion or restraints were reported, but one allegation of abuse was reported.

Family Redirection Institute, Inc. – 140 in-home counseling consumers (67 in Portsmouth and 73 in Newport News). No complaints, abuse, seclusion, or restraints were reported.

G.R.A.C.E., Inc. – 11 residential consumers. No seclusion or restraints were reported, but one allegation of abuse and one elopement were reported.

James Bentley Treatment Program – 2 residential consumers. No complaints, abuse, seclusion, or restraints were reported. The S/R report was submitted.

Northwestern Human Services, Inc. – 21 individuals are in residential support, and 0 are receiving in-home services. No complaints, abuse, seclusion, or restraints were reported.

Sentara Mental Health Services – 14 inpatients. One restraint was reported, but no complaints, abuse, or seclusion were reported.

Sentara Senior Behavioral Health Services – 27 outpatients. No complaints, abuse, seclusion, or restraints were reported.

Tranquility Manor, LLC – 15 residential consumers, and 17 day support consumers (between the three facilities). No complaints, abuse, seclusion, or restraints were reported. The S/R report was submitted.

Unique Friends, LLC – The provider was not represented. The affiliation status was changed from permanent to temporary.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Committee voted to go into closed session pursuant to Virginia code 2.2-3711A to review an allegation of abuse/neglect at Community Services of Virginia, Inc. Upon reconvening in open session, each member of the LHRC certified that the only thing discussed in closed session was the allegation of abuse/neglect. The Committee recommended that Community Services of Virginia, Inc. 1) ensure that consumers currently utilizing pediatric physicians would utilize adult physicians when they became 21 years of age, and 2) ensure that consumers follow-up with doctors' appointments.

The Committee voted to go back into closed session pursuant to Virginia code 2.2-3711A to review a restraint at Didlake, Inc. Upon reconvening in open session, each member of the LHRC certified that the only thing discussed in closed session was the restraint. The Committee recommended that Didlake, Inc. ensure the client had a behavior plan in place within the next 60 days.

The Committee voted to go back into closed session pursuant to Virginia code 2.2-3711A to review a behavior plan submitted by Emerson Place, Inc. Upon reconvening in open session, each member of the LHRC certified that the only thing discussed in closed session was the behavior plan. The Committee recommended that Emerson Place, Inc. continue the current behavior plan, but bring a copy of the plan, the doctor's order for the helmet, and the consent signed by the mother authorizing the helmet.

The Committee voted to go back into closed session pursuant to Virginia code 2.2-3711A to review an allegation of abuse at Evolve, LLC. Upon reconvening in open session, each member of the LHRC certified that the only thing discussed in closed session was the allegation of abuse. The Committee recommended that Evolve, LLC 1) provide staff training on contact sports that included boundary issues, and 2) provide staff training on completion of incident reports.

The Committee voted to go back into closed session pursuant to Virginia code 2.2-3711A to review an allegation of abuse and an elopement at G.R.A.C.E., Inc. Upon reconvening in open session, each member of the LHRC certified that the only thing discussed in closed session was the allegation of abuse and the elopement. The Committee had no further recommendations for G.R.A.C.E., Inc.

The Committee voted to go back into closed session pursuant to Virginia code 2.2-3711A to review a restraint at Sentara Behavioral Health Services. Upon reconvening in open session, each member of the LHRC certified that the only thing discussed in closed session was the restraint. The Committee had no further recommendations for Sentara Behavioral Health Services.

The Committee also went into closed session to interview an applicant, Doris Peterkin, who is interested in becoming a committee member. The Committee recommended she be appointed.

The next LHRC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 27, 2008, 9:30 AM sharp at Family Redirection Institute, Inc., 3401 County Street, Portsmouth, VA 23707 (757-398-0200).

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanna Stinespring, RNC
LHRC Program Support Liaison

Dr. Roderick Hawthorne
LHRC Chairman