

Hampton Roads Regional LHRC Meeting

November 26, 2008

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Marylin Copeland at 10:40 AM.

II. INTRODUCTIONS:

Quorum present: Marylin Copeland, Sara Flippens, and Doris Peterkin.
Quorum absent: Dr. Roderick S. Hawthorne, LHRC Chairman.

Human Rights Advocate, DMHMRSAS, present: Gianna Mitchell.

Affiliate Representatives: Gilbert Hernandez, Jr., Community Services of Virginia, Inc.; Phillip Black, Didlake, Inc.; Joan Whitted, Emerson Place, Inc.; Michael Zalud, EVOLVE, LLC; Jeffrey Moore & Vanessa Futrell, Family Redirection Institute, Inc.; Michael Zalud, G.R.A.C.E., Inc.; Sandra Pinnock, James Bentley Treatment Program; Onika Mumford, Northwestern Human Services, Inc.; Aaron Russell, Seeds of Change, LLC; Joanna Stinespring, Sentara Behavioral Health Services (including SR Behavioral Services); and Arlethea Evans, Tranquility Manor, LLC.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes for the meeting held 9/24/08 were reviewed, approved (with minor corrections), 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:

There is currently one vacancy for a committee member on this LHRC. An ad was placed in The Virginian-Pilot in an attempt to fill the vacancy. A candidate who was interested in the consumer position, canceled today's scheduled interview with the Committee. Gianna Mitchell requested additional applicants for the healthcare consumer vacancy, and reminded providers once again of the need to have a full Committee to avoid the cancellation of future meetings when a quorum was not present. Applications can be obtained from her via email, fax, or postal mail.

Gianna reminded providers to update the language (and addresses) of all policies and procedures to reflect the required Virginia Human Rights revisions.

Competency-based training is required annually.

The LHRC voted to continue the same slate: Dr. Roderick S. Hawthorne will serve as LHRC Chairman, Marilyn Copeland will be the Vice Chairman, and Sara Flippens will be the Secretary.

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 (2/25/09).

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

V. NEW BUSINESS:

DMHMRSAS is moving towards a web-based system that will enable participants to complete all reports online electronically. Completion of this project is targeted for March 1, 2009. Training will be provided for all affiliates. Gianna encouraged providers to volunteer to test the services.

Gianna reminded affiliates that the annual seclusion and restraints report is due to the State Office of Licensure by 1/15/09.

Gianna reiterated that abuse allegations need to reflect whether the allegation was substantiated or not, and whether individuals involved are notified of their right to appeal.

Bill Miller, currently managing the finances, reported a balance of \$2,680 as of 11/26/08. The annual provider dues will be reduced to \$60 for the coming year as agreed to by participating affiliates. Phillip Black will contact Bill Miller regarding required participation. Two affiliates need to have signature authority to manage financial disbursement. Phil will also contact Sentara Behavioral Health Services regarding clerical support.

The role of making LHRC meeting reminder/notification calls is rotated among all the affiliates. Emerson Place, Inc. is responsible for notifying affiliates and committee members of the LHRC meeting scheduled for 2/25/09.

VI. NEW PROGRAMS REQUESTING AFFILIATION:

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

Family Redirection Institute, Inc. requested a renewal of their temporary affiliation for a school-based, day treatment program and residential group home, Children's Place, for 12-17 year olds. The Committee voted and approved to continue their temporary affiliation for the day treatment program and residential group home.

As James Bentley Treatment Program hadn't requested a renewal of their temporary affiliation for the Haven House for Girls (since last requested on August 15, 2007), a special Committee session was granted on 10/30/08 at their Portsmouth facility. Committee members present were Dr. Roderick S. Hawthorne, Marylin Copeland, and Doris Peterkin. The Committee voted and approved to grant temporary affiliation for 90 days. On this date, the Committee voted and approved to renew the provider's temporary affiliation status.

Northwestern Human Services, Inc. requested temporary affiliation for their day support program. The Committee voted and approved to grant temporary affiliation for all their programs. A visit from the State Office of Licensure revealed the day support program was in jeopardy. So the Committee requested that Kimberly Davis attend the next meeting.

Seeds of Change, LLC, requested temporary affiliation for Solomon's Place, a 24-hour residential program in Portsmouth for male sex offenders 12-17 years old. The Committee voted and approved a recommendation that their seclusion and restraints section be reviewed for continuity, and any mention of electroconvulsive therapy be removed. The Committee also voted and temporarily approved their program rules pending language that reflects how infractions will be addressed. The Committee voted and approved to grant temporary affiliation for the residential program.

Sentara Behavioral Health Services will close their Structured Outpatient Program for seniors on 12/31/08. Patients will be transitioned to appropriate treatment services in the community for continued care, if required.

VII. PROGRAM REPORTS:

Community Services of Virginia, Inc. – 76 consumers (21 are receiving in-home services, 21 in day support programs, and 34 are group home residents). No complaints, abuse, seclusion, or restraints were reported.

Didlake, Inc. – 26 consumers are in day 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 were 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 – 53 consumers are receiving intensive in-home services. No complaints, abuse, seclusion, or restraints were reported.

Family Redirection Institute, Inc. – 145 in-home counseling consumers (63 in Portsmouth and 82 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 two allegations of neglect were reported.

James Bentley Treatment Program – 2 residential consumers. No complaints, abuse, seclusion, or restraints were reported.

Northwestern Human Services, Inc. – 20 individuals are in residential support, and 0 are receiving in-home services. No complaints, abuse, seclusion, or restraints were reported.

Sentara Behavioral Health Services – 29 inpatients. No complaints, abuse, seclusion, or restraints were reported.

Sentara Senior Behavioral Health Services – 22 outpatients. No complaints, abuse, seclusion, or restraints were reported.

Tranquility Manor, LLC – 16 residential consumers, and 18 day support consumers (between the three facilities). No complaints, abuse, seclusion, or restraints were reported.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Committee voted to go 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 had no further recommendations for Didlake, Inc.

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 as written.

The Committee voted to go back into closed session pursuant to Virginia code 2.2-3711A to review one allegation of abuse and two allegations of neglect 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 were the two allegations of neglect and the allegation of abuse. The Committee had no further recommendations for G.R.A.C.E., Inc.

The next LHRC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 25, 2009, 9:30 AM sharp at Family Redirection Institute, Inc., 3401 County Street, Portsmouth, VA 23707 (757-398-0200).

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dr. Roderick Hawthorne
LHRC Chairman