

**HANOVER LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
(DRAFT)**

DATE: June 3, 2008

PRESENT: **Committee Members:** Taneika Goldman, Dr. Al Watts,
Charlene Leahy, and Sharon Taylor

Human Rights Advocate: Beverly Garnes, DMHMRSAS

Affiliate Members: Tomosina Bell, Creative Family Solutions, Inc.
Fidura & Associates, Inc., John Barrett
Terry Seward, Hanover Adult Center
Ron Lucas, Hanover Community Services
Barbara Riggins, Riggins Residential
Lavelle Johnson, Virginia Baptist Children's Home
Leavelle Cox, Veldot Residential

Absent: Ascending Dove Residential Care
Dimension Youth Services
Richmond Residential Services

Guest: Alice Tousignant and Kristin Yavorsky of Virginia Supportive Housing

WELCOME: Sharon Taylor called the meeting to order and welcomed all attending.

AGENDA ITEMS:

- I. **Approval of Minutes:** It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the March 5, 2008 meeting stand approved as submitted.
- II. **OFFICE Of HUMAN RIGHTS/COMMITTEE UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
Beverly Garnes, Human Rights Advocate, reported that OHR has received updated policies and procedures from all but four or five affiliates to this LHRC. She hopes these affiliates are in the process of submitting their revised policies and procedures. The facility, VCBR has moved from Petersburg to Burkeville. OHR has three recent retirees, and two new recent hires. OHR is conducting annual inspections at provider's sites in Region IV. These reviews will be unannounced.
- III. **Affiliate Reports:**
 - a. **Ascending Dove Residential Care:** Absent, no report
 - b. **Creative Family Solutions:** Tomosina Bell reported that there were no allegations of human rights violations for the quarter and there were no program changes during the quarter.
 - c. **Dimension Youth Services:** Absent, no report.
 - d. **Fidura & Associates, Inc.:** John Barrett reported that there were no allegations of human rights violations for the quarter and there were no program changes during the quarter. There was one new allegation raised just yesterday and he will report on this at the next LHRC in September.
 - e. **Hanover Adult Center:** Tina S. Dunn reported that there were no allegations of human rights violations during the quarter. There were two staff resignations during the quarter.
 - f. **Hanover Community Services:** Ron Lucas reported that there were no allegations of human rights violations during the quarter and no program changes during the quarter.

- g. Richmond Residential Services, Inc.:** Absent, no report.
- h. Riggins Residential:** Barbara Riggins reported that there were no allegations of human rights violations during the quarter. Plan on opening new group home in Hanover county July 1. Two part time staff hired during the quarter, and one other staff resigned and is being recruited for.
- i. VELDOT Residential Services:** A. Leavelle Cox reported no allegations of human rights violations during the quarter.
- j. Virginia Baptist Children's Home & Family Services – DDM:** Lavelle Johnson reported one allegation. A neighbor complained that staff were yelling at clients as they were being loaded onto a van. The staff member has been reassigned to avoid contact with these clients. They have three manager positions open.

OLD BUSINESS:

S.H.I.E.L.D. Residential Services has been notified by letter that their affiliation has been cancelled due to non-attendance at LHRC meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

Virginia Supportive Housing requests affiliation for their new rehabilitative in home services for adults with mental illness. Presentation made by Alice Tousignant and Kristin Yavorsky. Affiliation approved by all committee members.

Dr. Watts announced that this was his last meeting as a committee member. Ron Lucas announced that new administrative support person will attend the next meeting. Barbara Bagby recently retired from CSB. Dr. Watts has a potential candidate to join the committee and will follow up with Beverly Garnes.

Election of Officers was conducted. Sharon Taylor will continue as chair, and Taneika Goldman will serve as vice chair.

NEXT MEETING:

September 9, 2008, 4:45pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Ron Lucas