

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

**DATE:** September 9, 2008

**PRESENT:** **Committee Members:** Sharon Taylor, Lynn Goodall, Taneika Goldman

**Human Rights Advocate:** Beverly Garnes, DMHMRSAS

**Affiliate Members:** Thomasina Baylor and Sheila Lewis, Creative Family Solutions, Inc.  
Fidura & Associates, Inc., John Barrett  
Terry Seward, Hanover Adult Center  
Susan Cunningham, Hanover Community Services  
Barbara Riggins, Riggins Residential  
Toreeco Greenhow, Dimension Youth Services  
Kristin Yavorsky, Virginia Supportive Housing

**Committee Members** Charlene Leahy, Paula Smith

**Absent:**

**Affiliate Members**

**Absent:** Ascending Dove Residential Care  
VELDOT Residential Services  
Richmond Residential Services

**Guest:** Georgina Simmons, Milestone Counseling Services  
Pam Golas, WALL Residences

**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 June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 meeting stand approved as submitted.
- II. **OFFICE OF HUMAN RIGHTS/COMMITTEE UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**  
Beverly Garnes, Human Rights Advocate, reported that on October 17<sup>th</sup>, Region IV Human Rights staff will conduct a Local Human Rights Training Seminar open to LHRC members only. The training will be from 8:30-12:00. You will be receiving notification at the end of the week in regards to details about the training. Beverly also reported to affiliates that in regard to the Community Abuse Allegation/Neglect Report form, you must complete the entire form, especially the section regarding the Notification of Findings and Right to Appeal.
- III. **Affiliate Reports:**
  - a. **Ascending Dove Residential Care:** Absent, report faxed in to Robbin Branch  
There were no allegations of human rights violations for the quarter, and there were no program changes during the quarter.
  - b. **Creative Family Solutions:** Sheila Lewis reported that there was one allegation of a human rights violation. This allegation was in regards to a clinician pulling on an earlobe of the client. There were no program changes during the quarter.

- c. **Dimension Youth Services:** Toreeco Greenhow reported that there was one allegation of a human rights violation. This allegation pertained to a resident that was in the shower, and another resident took the phone call. It ended up where the resident in the shower lost his temper because he missed his phone call, and lost his temper and smacked the other resident in the face. The staff met with both residents and they were able to work it out, and then contacted the Staff Director.
- d. **Fidura & Associates, Inc.:** John Barrett reported that there were no allegations of human rights violations during the quarter. There were no program changes during the quarter.
- e. **Hanover Adult Center:** Terry Seward reported that there were no allegations of human rights violations during the quarter. Terry reported the following program changes: They have created a center based program. Also, one person has left, and two new staff will be starting during the month of September.
- f. **Hanover Community Services:** Susan Cunningham reported that she will be taking the place of Ron Lucas. Susan is the Quality Improvement specialist for Hanover Community Services. Susan reported that there were no allegations of human rights violations during the quarter. There were no program changes during the quarter.
- g. **Richmond Residential Services, Inc.:** Absent, no report.
- h. **Riggins Residential:** Barbara Riggins reported that there were two allegations of human rights violations during the quarter. A male resident punched another resident resulting bruising on leg. Investigation was completed and allegation was founded. Second allegation, a male resident hit another male resident in the arm. Program changes that occurred during the quarter is new staff has been hired, and four ladies moved into Hanover home.
- i. **VELDOT Residential Services:** Absent, report faxed to Robbin Branch. A. Leavelle Cox reported no allegations of human rights violations during the quarter.
- j. **Virginia Baptist Children's Home & Family Services – DDM:** No allegations reported for the quarter. There are five openings for residential care managers open in the Richmond area homes. They are currently reviewing applications and interviewing individuals to fill these vacancies.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

WALLS Residential requests affiliation for services in the Richmond area. Presentation made by Pam Golas. Affiliation approved by all committee members.

Milestone Counseling Services requests affiliation for services. Presentation made by Georgina L. Simmons. Affiliation approved by all committee members.

New meeting location will be held at:

DSS Meeting Room.  
12304 Washington Highway  
Ashland VA 23005

**NEXT MEETING:** December 2, 2008

Respectfully submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robbin Branch