

**HANOVER LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

DATE: September 12, 2006

PRESENT: **Committee Members:** Elizabeth Harrel, Charlene Leahy, Sharon Taylor and Paula Smith
Committee Member Absent: Dr. Al Watts

Human Rights Advocate: Beverly Garnes, DMHMRSAS

Affiliate Members: Nichelle Cooper, Ascending Dove Residential Care
Diane Winn, Creative Family Solutions
Recco Greenhow, Dimension Youth Services Inc.
Fidura & Associates, Inc., John Barrett
Tina S. Dunn, Hanover Adult Center
Ron Lucas, Hanover Community Services
Jennifer Allen, Richmond Residential Services
Barbara Riggins, Riggins Residential
Ed Bowman, Virginia Baptist Children's Home
A. Leavell Cox, Veldot Residential

Visitor: Charlene Leahy

WELCOME: Elizabeth Harrel 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 6, 2006 meeting be approved as corrected.

II. STATE HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICE/COMMITTEE UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Beverly Garnes, Human Rights Advocate, reported that the State Board will conduct public hearings on the proposed regulations. The following dates and locations are:

October 11, 4-6pm, Valley Community Services Board, Staunton, VA;
October 17, 4-6pm, Mt. Rogers Community MH & MR Services, Wytheville, VA
October 19, 4-6pm, Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute, Danville, VA
October 23, 7-9pm, Stambaugh Building, 7E & 7F, Arlington, VA
October 24, 4-6pm, Norfolk CSB, Norfolk, VA
November 8, 4-6pm, Henrico Area MH & MR Services, Glen Allen, VA
November 9, 6-8pm Fairfax County Government Center, Fairfax, VA

Beverly distributed the 2005 Annual Report on the Status of the DMHMRSAS Human Rights System, The Manual of proposed Rules and Regulations, and The Human Writes Newsletter to committee members.

The Human Rights Training that was scheduled in September 2006 has now been moved to the Fall of 2007. More information on this training will be announced at future meetings.

III. Recruitment of New Members: Elizabeth Harrel reminded the committee about the need for new members and new affiliates. One affiliate vacancy can be filled.

IV. Affiliate Reports:

a. Ascending Dove Residential Care : Nichelle Cooper reported there were no allegations of human rights violations. There were no program changes. There was a Human Rights Audit by the DMHMRSAS and all identified violations have been corrected.

- b. **Creative Family Solutions:** Diane Winn reported that there was one allegation of human rights violations for the quarter. The allegation was unfounded. There were no program changes for this quarter.
- c. **Dimension Youth Services:** Recco Greenhow reported that there were no allegations of human rights violations during the quarter. There were no program changes during the quarter.

Mr. Greenhow stated that all paperwork had been submitted for adding In-Home counseling at the same facility. He is now waiting to hear from the licensure.
- d. **Fidura & Associates, Inc.:** John Barrett reported that there were no allegations of human rights violations for the quarter. There were no program changes during the quarter.
- e. **Hanover Adult Center:** Tina S. Dunn reported that there were no allegations of human rights violations during the quarter. There were no program changes during the quarter. The facility had two participants discharged and two have enrolled. Sharon Stoble from Licensing found no violations at the facility.
- f. **Hanover Community Services:** Ron Lucas was unable to attend the meeting but submitted the following report. There were no allegations of human rights violations during the quarter. There were no program changes during the quarter.
- g. **Richmond Residential Services, Inc.:** Jennifer Allen reported no allegations of human rights violations during the quarter. There were program changes during the quarter as follows, Willow Avenue, Toni Wynn, Supervisor; Willow Boatswain has consumer vacancy, and Chenault Way, has a new admission.
- h. **Riggins Residential:** Barbara Riggins reported no allegations of human rights violations during the quarter. There was one program change during the quarter. There were two admissions to the program and one staff termination.
- i. **VELDOT Residential Services:** A. Leavell Cox reported no allegations of human rights violations during the quarter. There were no program changes but did have two residents admitted to the new residential program.
- j. **Virginia Baptist Children's Home & Family Services – DDM:** Ed Bowman reported there were no allegations of human rights violations during the quarter. There were no program changes during the quarter, but we are currently short four staff members. The homes were covered with relief staff. One supervisor resigned and an interim supervisor, Sue Bowman, will fill that vacancy until a permanent one is assigned.

An incident between a father and daughter was reported. ASP conducted an interview with resident and decided not to be involved because no staff at Virginia Baptist Children's Home and Family Services was involved.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

NEXT MEETING:

December 5, 2006 – Winter Meeting
March 6, 2006 – Spring Meeting

Respectfully submitted by:

Barbara Bagby, Administrative Support