

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

DATE: June 2, 2009

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

Human Rights Advocate: Beverly Garnes, DMHMRSAS

Affiliate Members: Nicelle Cooper, Ascending Dove Residential
Toreeco Greenhow, Dimension Youth Services
Fidura & Associates, Inc., John Barrett
Terry Seward, Hanover Adult Center
Barbara Riggins, Riggins Residential
A Levealle Cox, VELDOT Residential Services
Levelle Johnson, Virginia Baptist Children's Home
Kristin Yavorsky, Virginia Supportive Housing
Georgina Simmons, Milestone

Committee Members: Taneika Goldman, Charlene Leahy, Angelique Nettleton

Absent:

Affiliate Members

Absent: Sheila Lewis, Creative Family Solutions, Inc.
Susan Cunningham, Hanover Community Services

Guest: Destiny Services, Inc
Bethel Residential Home
Envision Solutions
Sweet Water Assisted Living

WELCOME: Sharon Taylor called the meeting to order and welcomed all attending. Sharon also surveyed the committee to change the time of the meetings to 5:00 for the remainder of the year.

AGENDA ITEMS:

- I. Approval of Minutes:** Will schedule a special meeting for June 22, for members to approve minutes from previous meetings and affiliation requests.

- II. OFFICE Of HUMAN RIGHTS/COMMITTEE UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
Beverly Garnes, Human Rights Advocate, reminded everyone that the General Assembly has passed a bill to change the name of the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to the Behavioral Health and Developmental Services effective July 1, 2009. This change will take a couple of years to complete the name change in all effective areas. Beverly also reminded everyone that for all In home Intensive Services that need to expand their programs, licensing needs to be notified preferably 60 days in advance. Beverly also reported that the State Human Rights Meeting would meet on Friday, June 5 at 9:00 am at Piedmont Geriatric Hospital in Burkeville, Va.

- III. Affiliate Reports:**
 - a. Ascending Dove Residential Care:** Nicelle Cooper reported that there were no allegations of human rights violations. There were no program changes for the quarter.

 - b. Creative Family Solutions:** Absent

 - c. Dimension Youth Services:** Toreeco Greenhow reported that there were no allegations of human rights violations. There were no program changes for the quarter.

- d. **Fidura & Associates, Inc.:** John Barrett reported there were no allegations of human rights violations during the quarter. There were no program changes for the quarter. Jennifer Fidura reported that John Barret would be retiring at the end of the month, and Jennifer would be filling in as the representative for Fidura & Associates for the LHRC meetings.
- e. **Hanover Adult Center:** Terry Seward reported that there no allegations of human rights violations during the quarter. There were no program changes for the quarter.
- f. **Hanover Community Services:** Absent. Report was sent to Robbin Branch. There were no allegations of human rights violations. There no changes for the quarter.
- g. **Milestone:** Georgina Simmons reported that there were no allegations of human rights violations. There were no program changes for the quarter.
- h. **Riggins Residential:**
- i. **VELDOT Residential Services:** Leavelle Cox reported that there were no allegations of human right violations during the quarter. There were no program changes for the quarter.
- j. **Virginia Baptist Children's Home & Family Services – DDM:** Levelle Johnson reported that there were no allegations of human rights violations. There were no program changes for the quarter.
- k. **Virginia Supportive Housing:** Absent
- l. **WALL Residences LLC:** Pam Golas reported that there were no allegations of human rights violations. There were no program changes for the quarter.

REQUEST FOR AFFILIATION:

Bethel Residential: Lena Oliver, Director of Bethel Residential, briefly presented to the committee for request for affiliation the LHRC. Bethel's focus is on Adult's with MH/MR illnesses seeking habilitation and behavior management needs. They are seeking single sex environments. Currently have a 4-bedroom house in Chesterfield County that will house 4-5 adults. Staffing will be based upon resident's needs. Human Rights training done with all clients and staff. Motions were made to accept affiliation request.

Destiny Services: Terrence Allen presented to the committee for request for affiliation with the LHRC. Destiny Services is an Intensive In-home Service providing parenting skills to children with MH/SA/MR needs. This is available for children between the ages of 5-18. Human Rights policies have been approved, and are now seeking affiliation. Human Rights policies have been completed. Motion was made to accept affiliation request.

Sweetwater: Clyde and Valerie Thompson presented to the committee for request for affiliation with the LHRC. Sweetwater is a residential home designed for the elderly, with a focus on men. Sweetwater is a 3-bedroom home, with 2200 square feet sitting on 40 acres of land. They are looking to house four men for Sweetwater. Mr. Thompson stated that paperwork had been submitted for licensing, but Human Rights policies have not been completed. Motions were made not to accept affiliation request because Human Rights policies have not been submitted for review and compliance.

Envision Solutions: Tyrone Hilton presented to the committee for request for affiliation with the LHRC. Envision Solutions is an Intensive In-Home Counseling Service designed to provide support to children from the ages of 5-18. This support focuses on changing the family with one family session per week, five goals for intensive counseling, foster care support, group therapy with SA Counselors, daily living skills, parenting skills. Envision also provides staff training as well as Follow up Surveys for clients when leaving the program. Motions were made to accept affiliation request.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEXT MEETING: September 1, 2009 at 5:00 in the DSS Meeting Room

Adjournment: **Meeting Adjourned**

Respectfully submitted by:

Robbin Branch