

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

DATE: December 1, 2009

PRESENT: **Committee Members:** Taneika Goldman, Lynn Goodale, Paula Smith, Anjelique Nettleton

Committee Member absent: Sharon Taylor

Human Rights Advocate: Beverly Garnes, DMHMRSAS

Affiliate Members: Nicelle Cooper, Ascending Dove Residential
Lena Oliver, Bethel Residential Home
Dyane Winn, Creative Family Solutions
Scott Woorley, Creative Family Solutions
Toreco Greenhow, Dimension Youth Services
Sybil Bryant, Envision Solutions
Jennifer Fidura, Fidura & Associates
Terry Seward, Hanover Adult Center
Susan Cunningham, Hanover Community Services
Georgina Simmons, Milestone
Barbara Riggins, Riggins Residential
K Campbell, Step N' Youth Services
A Levealle Cox, VELDOT Residential Services
Crystal Burgess, Virginia Baptist Children's Home
Katie VanArnam, Virginia Supportive Housing
Pam Golas, WALL Residences

Affiliate Members

Absent: Community Counseling Group, Inc
Youth Counseling Services

WELCOME: Taneika Goldman called the meeting to order and welcomed all attending.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

AGENDA ITEMS:

- I. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the September 2nd, 2009 were approved subject to corrections that are made by secretary.
- II. **OFFICE Of HUMAN RIGHTS/COMMITTEE UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
Beverly Garnes, Human Rights Advocate, wanted to thank all committee members for attending the Regional Training that occurred in October. There were seventy-five members in attendance. The training was a success and ended with good reports from all. Beverly also reported to the committee that she has some information on licensing for Intensive In Home and she will be providing that to the committee.
- 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. **Bethel Residential Home:** Lena Oliver reported that there were no allegations of human rights violations. Lena reported that they were fully staffed and on January 20th, they are expecting a licensure review.

- c. **Creative Family Solutions:** Dyane Winn reported that there were no allegations of human rights violations. There were three employees hired, and four employees were terminated.
- d. **Dimension Youth Services:** Torecco Greenhow reported that there were no allegations of human rights violations. There were no program changes for the quarter. Torecco said that there was a licensing inspection, and reported that there were not any problems found.
- e. **Envision Solutions:** Sybil Bryant reported that there were no allegations of human rights violations. There were no program changes for the quarter.
- f. **Fidura & Associates, Inc.:** Jennifer Fidura reported that there were no allegations of human rights violations. There were no program changes for the quarter.
- g. **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.
- h. **Hanover Community Services:** Susan Cunningham reported that there were no allegations of human rights violations. There were no program changes for the quarter.
- i. **Milestone:** Georgina Simmons reported that there were no allegations of human rights violations. There were no program changes for the quarter.
- j. **Riggins Residential:** Barbara Riggins reported that there were no allegations of human rights violations. Barbara reported that they had one resident move out, 1 Lead Resident Counselor stepped down from duties, 1 Lead Resident Counselor was hired on November 9th.
- k. **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.
- l. **Virginia Baptist Children's Home & Family Services – DDM:** Crystal Burgess reported that there were two peer to peer incidents over the past quarter. A peer was slapped on the arm. In response the other peer slapped him in return and said calmly not to hit him. Staff intervened, and checked both parties and there no injuries sustained by either resident. No staff neglect was found. The other incident involved a resident being struck on the arm due to not enough space on a bench at the Bowling Alley. Staff intervened and asked resident to move to another bench. No injuries were sustained. No staff neglect was found.
- m. **Virginia Supportive Housing:** Katie VanArnam reported that there was one allegation of a human rights violation. There was an incident reported by program participant an allegation of abuse by participant's boyfriend. Participant received medical attention, and was urged to file an assault charge against the boyfriend however participant didn't want to follow through with the protective order. Follow up appointments were arranged to address the injury. Katie also reported that there was a death of a program participant due to a chronic medical condition, an ICT team supervisor resigned, and MHSS is hiring a new resource coordinator and peer specialist.
- n. **WALL Residences LLC:** Pam Golas reported that there were no allegations of human rights violations. There were no program changes for the quarter.

NEW BUSINESS:

Teneika Goldman reminded committee members to send all quarterly reports to Robbin Branch. In the event that there is an incident, this gives the committee members a chance to review the information prior to next meeting. Also this committee meets four times a year, and it is imperative that you or a designee person attend all meetings. Failure to attend all meetings may result in suspension of LHRC affiliation.

NEXT MEETING:

March 2nd, 2010 at 5:00 in the DSS Meeting Room

Adjournment:

MEETING ADJOURNED

Respectfully submitted by:

Robbin Branch