

HANOVER LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: December 7th, 2010

PRESENT: **Committee Members:** Taneika Goldman, Lynn Goodale, and Sharon Taylor

Committee Member absent: Anjelique Nettleton

Human Rights Advocate: Beverly Garnes, DBHDS

Affiliate Members: Nicelle Cooper, Ascending Dove Residential
Lena Oliver, Bethel Residential Home
Dyann Wynn, Creative Family Solutions
Terrence Allen, Destiny Services, Inc
Toreeco Greenhow, Dimension Youth Services
Tyrone Hilton, Envision Solutions
Kim Kennedy, Jennifer Fidura, Fidura & Associates
Mary Richards, Hanover Adult Center
Susan Cunningham, Hanover Community Services
Pamm Jones, Key Support Services
Elmira King, Milestone
Barbara Riggins, Riggins Residential
A Leavelle Cox, VELDOT Residential Services
Crystal Burgess, Virginia Baptist Children's Home
Katie VanArnam, Virginia Supportive Housing
Kim Kwiatkowski, WALL Residences
Lawrence Gunn, Youth Counseling Services

Affiliate Members

Absent: Community Counseling Group, Inc
Step N' Up
Haywood James, Community Counseling Group

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

AGENDA ITEMS:

- I. Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the September 7th meeting were approved subject to corrections that are made by secretary.
- II. OFFICE Of HUMAN RIGHTS/COMMITTEE UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
Beverly Garnes reported that the Office of Human Rights has lost another Region IV advocate. The State Human Rights Committee will be meeting on Friday, December 10th to discuss the function of the Office of Human Rights and the Local Human Rights Committees due to the substantial request by providers for affiliation to LHRCs. They will be looking at ways to streamline LHRC roles and responsibilities. Areas of interest will be Affiliate attendance, affiliates agreements, and dues. By the next meeting in March 2011, Beverly will have more information to share.
- 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. There were no program changes for the quarter
- c. **Community Counseling Group, Inc.:** Absent
- d. **Creative Family Solutions:** Dyann Winn reported that there were no allegations of human rights violations. There were no program changes for the quarter. Dyann reported that Charlottesville was closed and moved the caseload to the Waynesboro office. They opened an office in Wyatheville. In the Richmond office, there were three employees hired, and seven employees terminated.
- e. **Destiny Services:** Terrence Allen reported that there were no allegations of human rights violations. They hired one part-time, and one full-time employee.
- d. **Dimension Youth Services:** Toreeco Greenhow reported that there was one allegation of human rights violations. There were no program changes for the quarter. Mr. Greenhow expressed concerns towards the training of restraints and guidelines of the Crisis Wave. There were options provided to Mr. Greenhow to consider for his concerns.
- e. **Envision Solutions:** Tyrone Hilton reported that there were no allegations of human rights violations. There were no program changes for the quarter. Envision Solutions received their full annual license.
- 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:** Mary Richards reported that there was one allegation of human rights violations. There were no program changes for the quarter.
- h. **Hanover Community Services:** Susan Cunningham reported that there no allegations of human rights violations. There were no program changes for the quarter.
- i. **Key Support Services, LLC:** Pamm Jones reported that there were no allegations of human rights violations. They had three residents move in and are currently receiving services. There is one opening.
- j. **Milestone:** Elmira King reported that there were no allegations of human rights violations. There were no program changes for the quarter.
- k. **Riggins Residential:** Barbara Riggins reported that there were no allegations of human rights violations. Barbara reported there was one termination for the period.
- l. **Step N' Up:** Absent
- m. **Transitions Day Support Services:** Report was emailed in by Denise Brown. There were no allegations of human rights violations. There were no program changes for the quarter.
- n. **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.
- o. **Virginia Baptist Children's Home & Family Services – DDM:** Crystal Burgess reported no allegations of human rights violations. There were no program changes for the quarter.
- p. **Virginia Supportive Housing:** Kristin reported no allegations of human rights violations. There were no program changes for the quarter. Katie reported the death of a client who was receiving MH support services.

- q. **WALL Residences LLC:** Kim Kwiatkowski reported that there were no allegations of human rights violations. There were no program changes for the quarter. Kim reported the hiring of a new program manager for their new service in Richmond.
- r. **Youth Counseling Services:** Lawrence Gunn reported that there were no allegations of human rights violations. There were no program changes for the quarter.

DISCUSSION:

Sharon Taylor presented affiliates with 2011 Calendar schedule. This schedule provided affiliates with due dates for quarterly reports, returning meeting time back to 5:00 p.m., and reminding affiliates to put the name of each program on the Quarterly report.

Also, there was a reminder to affiliates that Annual reports are due to Beverly by January 15th, 2011.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ascending Dove presented to the members a new extended service to at risk youth between the ages of 10-17. There was a motion to approve affiliation.

REQUEST FOR AFFILIATION:

Pathways to Success: An Intensive In-home organization that will be providing services to at risk youth in Sandston, VA.

Lamon Agency: Stanley Cousins and Rebecca Drinkard requested affiliation for a Residential Service that will be providing Day support and Group Home services based out of the Bedford Area.

Heart Felt Family Services – Jawanda Sampson requested affiliation for a service in Henrico County. This service will provided assistance to children placed in the custody of the courts, and who may have difficulties at home.

There was a motion to approve affiliations.

NEXT MEETING:

March 1st, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. in the DSS Meeting Room

ADJOURNMENT:

MEETING ADJOURNED

CLOSED SESSION:

Motion made to enter in closed session to interview two candidates for members of the HCLHRC.

Motioned to come out of closed session.

LHRC members received the Virginia Freedom of Information Act Training from Beverly Garnes.

Respectfully submitted by:

 Robbin Branch