

**Draft**  
**Heartland Regional**  
**Local Human Rights Committee**  
Meeting Minutes  
January 14, 2008  
6p.m.  
Greater Purpose Center  
Rice, VA

**Members Present:** Diana Shores, Shirley Sprague, Eunice Lee and Brenda Helton

**Members absent:** Bettie Hazelwood and Royce Cersley

**Affiliated Programs Present:** Edward Helton, Michael Helton and Carmalita Escoto - Helton House, Gail Worrell - Family Preservation Services, Kelly Murphy - Blue Ridge Residential Services, Priscilla Davis and Crawford Rucker - Faces of Hope, Tony Wilbourne and Aquito Thompson - Hope Tree Family Services, Justin Berkley - Madeline Centre, and Mary Taylor - Mary's Rest Home

**Others Present:** Anne Stiles, Human Rights Advocate

**Affiliated Programs Absent:** Glenn Fowlkes - Family Preservation Services, Stacia Macklin - United Methodist Family Services, and Dorsey Drawhorn - Amelia Residential Estate.

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-chair, Diana Shores called the meeting to order.

**Minutes:**

The October 15, 2007 minutes were unanimously approved as written.

**Regional Advocate Report:**

Anne Stiles reported that Sherry Miles, Regional Advocate was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict. The two family members who have submitted membership applications will be interviewed at the April meeting. Affiliates were reminded that policy revisions to conform to the new regulations are due to the Regional Advocate by March 1, 2008.

## **Affiliate Reports:**

### **Family Preservation Services**

Gail Worrall reported that a day treatment program is being established in the Middle School.

### **Helton House**

Ed & Mike Helton reported that they are doing some administrative restructuring and hope to hire two new supervisors. They have one new resident. A Christmas banquet was attended by nearly 150 people and several residents went home over the holidays.

They reported experiencing problems finding enough qualified job applicants, i.e. people able to meet the documented requirements. Other providers agreed that this is a universal problem.

### **Faces of Hope:**

Priscilla Davis reported that her program is not yet in operation, but they have been assigned a licensing specialist.

### **Madeline Centre**

Justin Berkley reported hoping for approval of two day treatment sites. He also reported a recent breach of confidentiality resulting in a school administrator gaining access to a case note. Steps have been taken to prevent recurrence.

### **Mary's Rest Home**

Mary Taylor reported that two clients were injured at Southside Enterprises Day Support and that she did not feel that the incidents were adequately investigated or explained. The first occurred on December 5 and resulted in finger lacerations requiring stitches. The second occurred December 21 when a resident fell out of her wheelchair and required hospital treatment. Anne Stiles stated that she would follow up in collaboration with Sherry Miles. The Committee requested an update at the next meeting.

### **Hope Tree Family Services**

Tony Wilbourne reported that they have 5 residents and 1 respite resident, with 1 vacancy. They also have 1 staff vacancy. They participated in a Christmas Banquet in Richmond.

**Blue Ridge Residential**

Kelly Murphy reported they have just 1 client in their sponsored home in Buckingham. Case Management for that client is under another LHRC which makes things awkward. The client requested not to go home for Christmas and the Psychiatrist has ordered restrictions on visits by family members.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is Monday, April 14, 2008 at the Greater Purpose Center, Rice, VA.

**2008 Meeting Schedule:**

Monday, April 14, 2008

Monday, July 14, 2008

Monday, October 20, 2008