

**APPROVED**  
**Heartland Regional**  
**Local Human Rights Committee**  
Meeting Minutes  
October 15, 2007  
6PM  
Greater Purpose Center  
Rice, VA

**Members Present:** Royce Cersley, Bettie Hazelwood, and Diana Shores

**Members absent:** None

**Affiliated Programs Present:**

Kelly Murphy & Richard Gilman-Blue Ridge Services, Gail Worrall-Family Preservation, Mary Taylor-Mary's Rest Home, Justin Berkley-Madeline Centre, Dorsey L. Drawhorn & Deloris Crite- Amelia Residential Estates, Ed Helton & Carmalita Escoto -Helton House, Priscilla Davis & Crawford Davis-Faces of Hope, and Tony Wilbourne & Aquito Thompson-Hope Tree Family Services.

**Others Present:**

Sherry Miles-Regional Advocate, Shirley Sprague, Brenda Helton, and Eunice Lee—  
applicants for membership

**Affiliated Program Absent:**

Michael Jordan-Next Level Residential and Stacia Macklin-United Methodist Family Services

Royce Cersley, Chair called the meeting to order.

**Executive Session:**

**The Committee went into Executive Session to interview candidates for the vacancies on the Heartland Regional LHRC. The motion was made and passed that the Heartland Regional LHRC go into closed session pursuant to Virginia Code §2.1-344 A (15) for the purpose of interviewing for a member vacancies.**

Upon reconvening in open session, the Committee unanimously passed a motion to nominate applicants Eunice Lee, Shirley Sprague and Brenda Helton for membership to Heartland Regional LHRC

**Minutes**

The July 16, 2007 and August 13, 2007 draft minutes were unanimously approved as written.

**Recruitment**

Sherry Miles advised the Committee of the Committee's needs to continue to recruit for a family member to fill the last vacancy on the Committee. The Committee currently has two applications from family members that may agree to interviews at the next meeting.

### **Affiliation Requests**

Tony Wilbourne requested an additional affiliation for **Hope Tree Family Services**. In addition to the residential component, the program is planning to provide in-home services and is requesting affiliation for that service. The Committee voted unanimously to grant affiliation to the in-home program.

Priscilla Davis requested affiliation for her new residential program, **Faces of Hope**. The Committee voted unanimously to grant affiliation to Faces of Hope.

Justin Berkley requested affiliation for **Madeline Centre**. This program will provide intensive in-home and day support services. The Committee voted unanimously to grant Madeline Centre affiliation for their intensive in-home and day support programs.

### **Regional Advocate Report**

Sherry Miles, Regional Advocate reported on the upcoming human rights training schedule and inquired if all in attendance had received the information. As well, she inquired if all in attendance had received the DVD, which was mailed from Central Office. All in attendance indicated having received the DVD. Sherry provided a summary of the LHRC/SHRC seminar and encouraged everyone to attend the next time it is held. She reported no serious allegations of abuse/neglect since the last meeting.

### **Affiliate Reports**

#### **Family Preservation Services**

Gail Worrall reported the program is looking into opening day treatment at Buckingham Middle School and currently provides school based support at Cumberland Middle School. No other problems were reported.

#### **Helton House**

Ed Helton reported the residential program has 2 vacancies. As well, the residential consumers are preparing for the upcoming holidays. One complaint was filed and resolved. Carmelita Escoto reported the day support program has seven vacancies. Day support is planning to have joint events with the residential consumers including several holiday events, a fashion show and a Mary Kay party. No complaints were filed concerning day support services.

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

Mary Taylor reported two Adult Protective Services complaints were investigated and determined to be unfounded. No other problems were reported.

#### **Next Level Residential Services**

Absent

#### **Hope Tree Family Services/Virginia Baptist Children's Home**

Aquito Thomas reported having two new clients in the home with three new staff. No complaints were filed.

**United Methodist Family Services**

Absent

**Madeline Center At Home**

This program is no longer affiliated with this LHRC.

**Amelia Residential Estates**

Dorsey Drawhorn reported two vacancies and no complaints.

**Blue Ridge Residential Services**

Richard Gilman reported having one home in the area with one consumer living in the home. He reported no complaints.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2007 at 6PM at the Greater Purpose Center in Rice, Virginia.

**2008 Meeting Schedule**

The Committee agreed to the following meeting scheduled for 2008. All meetings unless otherwise noted will be held at the Greater Purpose Center, Rice, VA at 6PM. The meetings dates are as follows:

Monday, January 14, 2008

Monday, April 14, 2008

Monday, July 14, 2008

Monday, October 20, 2008

With no other information to be discussed, the meeting adjourned.