

APPROVED
Heartland Regional
Local Human Rights Committee
Meeting Notes
October 23, 2006
6PM
Helton House Day Support Site
Rice, VA

Members Present: Virginia Berkley

Members absent: Aaron Myers, Darin Knicely, Sisty Cersley, and Royce Cersley

Others Present: Mattie Walker & Carmalita Escoto-Helton House, Tony Wilbourne-Virginia Baptist Children's Home & Family Services, Mary Taylor-Mary's Rest Home, Deborah Berkley, PhD -Madeline Center At Home

Others absent: Vanessa Harvey-VP&J Services, Michael Jordan-Next Level Residential, Gloria Worrall-Family Preservation, Dorsey Drawhorne, Amelia Residential and Stacia Macklin-United Methodist Family Services

Virginia Berkley, Chair called the meeting to order and announced since there was not enough member for quorum no business could be conducted.

Minutes

The draft minutes from the July 24, 2006 meeting were tabled until the first meeting in 2007.

Recruitment

This Committee continues to have two professional/concerned citizen vacancies. Recruitment will continue.

Affiliation Request

The request for an additional affiliation by Helton House was tabled until an emergency LHRC meeting should be held to grant this affiliation.

Regional Advocate Report

Ms. Miles distributed a copy of "Human Writes"-Fall edition and encouraged members to respond to the SHRC with comments or suggestions.

Ms. Miles discussed with those present the importance of giving comment about the proposed human rights regulations and distributed the location of all public hearing scheduled throughout the Commonwealth.

Affiliate Reports
Family Preservation Services

Absent

Helton House

Mattie Walker reported no problems at any of the residential programs. The residential program has one vacancy. All consumers attend day support. A recent licensing visit went well with only minor problems. Ms. Walker introduced Carmalita Escoto, the new Program Director for Life Strides and New Directions. Ms. Escoto reported the consumer have been participating in many activities and planning for the Fall Festival, Thanksgiving and Christmas. The day support program has 15 vacancies. Staff have attended various trainings since the last meeting.

Mary's Rest Home

Mary Taylor reported no human rights complaints or allegations of abuse/neglect. The program currently has two vacancies and consumers attend day support.

Next Level Residential Services

Absent

VP&J Services

Absent.

Virginia Baptist Children's Home

Tony Wilbourne reported having three consumers in the program. An additional consumer comes for respite care and he may become a full time resident. The fourth client should arrive in approximately 3 weeks. One consumer will start day support in a few weeks. An informal complaint was resolved in August.

United Methodist Family Services

Absent

Madeline Center at Home

Deborah Berkley reported an increase in staff and training to provide better services to consumers throughout her program. Her program is just beginning to provide services to consumer in this area.

Next Meeting

An emergency meeting was tentatively scheduled for November 1, 2006 at 6PM to grant affiliation to Helton House for their new residential services. A date for the first meeting of 2007 will be decided at the emergency meeting.

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