

**METRO RICHMOND  
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE  
Richmond Behavioral Health Authority  
107 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
February 21, 2007  
5:30pm**

**MINUTES**

**In Attendance:**

**Committee Members:** Linda Patterson, chair; Shontay Harris, James Wallace, MacKay Boyer

**Staff/Resources:** James Bowser, advocate

**Affiliates:** Tyrone Miller and Frank Carter, Adult Day Services of South Richmond; Leon Bey and John Netto from J&D Residential; Ann Bevan, NHS Mid-Atlantic; Edna Dorsey and Andrea Morgan, A Grace Place; Amy Thomas-Harmon; Andi Carter, FPS, Inc; Tina Burton and Sheena Dixon-Johnson, Diamonds in the Rough; Lynn Szostek, Tucker Pavilion; Carol Broughton, AES; Keisha Gilchrist, Unique Lessons; Darchelle Williams, Dana's Habitat; Sandy Brudvig, Cumberland; Molly Cheek, Dominion Youth Services

**I. Welcome/Call to Order**

Ms. Patterson opened the meeting at 5:41p by expressing her hope that everyone had happy holidays over the last two months.

A reminder was made that affiliation fees are due. Responses to the end of year reports have been received and if affiliates have not received a response, there will be one shortly.

**II. Review of Minutes**

Minutes were reviewed and approved as written

**III. Public Comment**

Ms Patterson encouraged public comment and reiterated that affiliates had a voice. No comments made.

**IV. Affiliate Presentations**

*Human Rights Activity Reports were received and accepted from the following affiliate providers:*

James Bowser did remind that when giving oral reports, names of staff and consumers should not be given.

- A Grace Place
- Adult Day Services of South Richmond
- Associated Educational Services of VA
- CJW Medical Center Tucker Pavilion
- Community Residences-not present at meeting but did send a report
- Cumberland Hospital...One program modification=closure of their Moss side cottage; Mr. Bowser also noted that they are doing a good job of reporting.
- Dana's Habitat
- Diamonds in the Rough
- Dominion Youth Services
- Family Preservation Services

**V. DMHMRSAS HR Report From James Bowser**

Comment period ended on 11/17/06 for human rights regulations. They are now looking at all the comments and determining any further changes that will need to be made with hope for completion this fall.

State Board of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services are honoring volunteers at a luncheon on 4/3/07 in Staunton. LHRC members should determine who would like to go and accept awards on behalf of their committees.

**VI. New Business**

Samara Gracia of Divine Residential Services is requesting affiliation with this LHRC. They have a home named Manuel House that is a 2 story DMHMRSAS licensed home. This affiliation would be the last affiliate to be accepted by this LHRC as we have met our total membership. Motion was moved and seconded that affiliation be approved by the members and put on the agenda for review at the next meeting.

**VII. Date, Time, Location for next meeting**

April 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at the Richmond Behavioral Health Authority

**VIII. Adjournment** at approximately 6:45p