

**METRO RICHMOND  
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE  
Richmond Behavioral Health Authority  
107 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
June 20, 2007  
5:30pm**

**MINUTES**

**Committee Members Present:** Linda Patterson, chair; Elliott Cox, Vice-chair, James Wallace, MacKay Boyer

**Committee Members Absent:** Shontay R. Harris

**Staff/Resources:** James Bowser, Advocate and Laura Nguyen **RBHA** staff support to the Committee

**Affiliate Members Present:** Katie Mallinger **DAS**, Nancy Toscano and Ophelia Ludwig **UMFS**, Gwen Hicks and Ron Gallagher, **The Sierras Life**, Mary Hutson **VTCC**, Melvin McCann **VHC**, James Neeley **Rubicon**, Kenneth Anderson and Silvia Hill **New Y-Capp**, Jay Maynard **Resources for Recovery**, Tyrone Miller **Kristie's Family Care**, Sandy Brudvig **Cumberland**, Andrew K. Slabaugh **Slabaugh & Associates**, Karen Stanley **Healing Place**, Conchetta Yonatis **St. Josephs Villa**, David Schemmer **Bon Secours Community Hospital**, Simone Harris and Valeria Taylor, **Community Residences**

**Affiliate Members Absent:** Richmond Private Methadone Clinic and Richmond Residential Services

**Others Present:** Colleen Miller, VOPA June Moore and Janice Fisher

**I. Welcome/Call to Order**

Ms. Patterson opened the meeting at 5:40 pm

**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 public comments made.

**IV. Affiliate Presentations**

- Bon Secours Community Hospital:** Mr. David Schemmer, introduced himself as the recently hired Director of Behavioral Health for Bon Secours Community Hospital. Mr. Schemmer requested re-affiliation with the Metro Richmond LHRC. The committee moved to approve the request for re-affiliation as all the required affiliation commitments have been completed.
- The Healing Place:** Ms. Karen Stanley, introduced herself as the new director of the Healing Place. Ms. Stanley reports that she was not prepared to give a report as her focus has been on keeping the program open. The committee approved a motion to hear the request for re-affiliation at the regularly scheduled meeting of the LHRC on August 15, 2007 provided all requirements for affiliation are satisfied in 30 days. Ms. Stanley stated she would be able to meet this deadline.

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

- Resources for Recovery**
- Rubicon Inc.,**
- St Josephs Villa**
- The Sierras Life**
- UMFS**
- VCU Health Systems**
- Challenge Discovery**
- Y-Capp, Inc.**
- DAS**
- Slabaugh and Associates**

□ *Kristie's Family Care*

**V. DMHMRSAS HR Report.**

Mr. Bowser reported that the DMHMRSAS Office of Human Rights will host a Human Rights conference for LHRC members in the fall of 2007. Affiliate members expressed desire to attend conference however, Mr. Bowser explained that there are over 400 volunteers on the LHRC's and there are presently 15 LHRC's in the Metro Richmond region thus attendance to be restricted to committee members **first**. In closing, Mr. Bowser announced that staff in the office of Human Rights is in the process of completing Site visits.

**VI. Executive Session at approximately 7:35 pm**

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At :7:35 pm A motion was made and passed that the LHRC go into Executive Session pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2-3711 for the protection of the privacy of individuals and their records and personal matters not related to public business, namely to review a Behavioral Support Plan request from Community Residences.

**Return to Open Session:** Upon reconvening into open session at 7:55 PM the Local Human Rights Committee certified that only public business matters lawfully exempted from statutory open meeting requirements and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the closed session were discussed in closed session.

**Roll Call:** Linda M. Patterson-so certified, Elliott Cox-so certified, Mackay Boyer-so certified .and James Wallace-so certified

The LHRC moved to approve a motion to request an update from C.R. in six months.

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

August 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at the Richmond Behavioral Health Authority

**IX. Adjournment: 8:00 PM**