

METRO RICHMOND
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE (LHRC)
December 12, 2007
Richmond Behavioral Health Authority
107 South 5th Street
5:30pm

Minutes

Committee Members Present: Linda M. Patterson, Chair; Elliott Cox, Vice-Chair, Shontay Harris, James Wallace

Committee Members Absent: MacKay M. Boyer,

Staff Support: James O. Bowser (Advocate, DMHMRSAS Office of Human Rights) Laura L. Nguyen
RBHA

Affiliate members Present: Ophelia von Ludwig and Nancy Toscano **UMFS**, Kenneth Anderson & Silvia Hill **The New Y-Capp Inc.**, Steve Beasley **St. Joseph's Villa**, James H. Neely **Rubicon**, Mary Hutson and LaQuana Garvin **VCU Health Systems VTCC**, Lisa Poe **Richmond Residential Services**, Monique Robertson **The Healing Place**, Jay Maynard **Richmond Resources for Recovery**, Gwen Hicks **Sierras Life**, Andrew K Slabaugh Slabaugh & Associates, Katie Mallerger **DAS**, **Denise Campbell Divine Residential**

Affiliate members Absent: Virginia Health Center & Kristie's Family Care (excused absence), **Richmond Private Methadone Clinic**

I. Welcome/Call to Order

They meeting was called to order at 5:40pm. Ms. Patterson welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited comments

II. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

III. Review of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the October 17, 2007 LHRC meeting as submitted.

IV. DMHMRSAS OHR Report from James Bowser

- ❖ Mr. Bower provided all in attendance with a (handout) *Schedule for Measuring Compliance with the Rules and Regulations to Assure the Rights of Individuals Receiving Services from Providers Licensed, Funded or Operated by the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services* and discussed the implementation schedule related to the need for providers to come into compliance with the new regulations that were effective on 9/19/07.
- ❖ The DVD used in the Human Rights Training is available for a fee from the DMHMRSAS
- ❖ Mr. Bowser recommended the LHRC continue to review Behavior Management Policies and Program Rules

V. Affiliate Presentations

A motion was made and seconded following discussion to terminate RPMC's affiliation with the Metro Richmond LHRC.

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

- Resources for Recovery**
- Richmond Residential Services (RRS)**
- Rubicon Inc.**
- Saint Joseph's Villa (SJV)**
- United Methodist Family Services (UMFS) Intensive In-Home,**
- VCU Health Systems (VTCC)**
- Challenge Discovery**
- Y-Capp**
- The Healing Place,**
- Sierras Life,**
- Drug and Alcohol Services DAS**
- Slabaugh & Associates**
- Devine Residential (request to add program)**

Other Business:

A motion was made and seconded after discussion to request that in the next thirty days, Rubicon provide the LHRC members with the corrective action plans inherent to two incidents that occurred during this reporting period.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Divine Residential Programs affiliation with the Metro Richmond LHRC.

A discussion ensued in regard to the reporting/investigating of human rights complaints. Mr. Bowser clarified the reporting of complaints and the steps involved in the resolution process. In addition, Mr. Bowser indicated that affiliates in the future would be reporting complaints electronically but, for now could obtain a three page reporting form from Rose Mitchell, secretary at the OHR in Petersburg. Affiliates of the Metro Richmond LHRC will be provided with a word format to use for the purpose of reporting to the LHRC.

Level I complaints include allegations/Incidents of Abuse, Neglect, Harm and or Exploitation

Level II complaints include all other areas inherent to the Regulations as follows: Services, Participation in Decision Making and Consent, Confidentiality, Access to and Amendment of Services Records, Freedoms of Everyday Life, Seclusion, Use of Restraint and Time Out, Research, Substitute Decision Making, Determination of Capacity to give consent or authorization, AR's, Complaint resolution, Hearing and Appeal Procedures.

VI. Old Business

The Metro Richmond LHRC has decided to offer Affiliates a fee Holiday for 2008. **Please do not submit Affiliation dues this year**

VII. New Business

The following Affiliate members: Lisa Poe (Chair), Mary Hutson, Gwen Hicks and Andy Slabaugh have volunteered to spearhead the discussion and planning for how to best use reserve LHRC monies. Ms. Patterson offered a celebration for the affiliates. Committee members will present options at the next LHRC meeting on February 20, 2008.

VIII. Adjournment: 8:15pm

IX. Meeting Dates

Wednesday, February 20, 2008 at 5:30p at RBHA