

METRO RICHMOND
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE (LHRC)
February 18, 2009
Richmond Behavioral Health Authority
107 South 5th Street
5:30pm

Draft Minutes

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

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

Affiliate Members Present: Andrea Morgan, A Grace Place; Karen Angeloff and Alison Spillane, FPS, Inc; Stephanie Dixon and Michael Bazemore, Diamonds in the Rough; Mary Carreras, Tucker Pavilion; Carol Broughton, AES; Keisha Gilchrist, Unique Lessons; Rhonda Gonzales, Dana's Habitat; Sandy Brudvig, Cumberland; Shawn Freeman, Dominion Youth Services, Mary Hutson and Sherry Newark VCUHS-VTCC, Simone Harris, Courtney Tyler and Russell L Gilenn Jr. Community Residences Inc. Samara Gracia Divine Residential Services, Theresa Watkins Generation X-Cel, and Tiffany Gunn Independent Adult Care Services.

Affiliate Members Absent: Adult Day Services of South Richmond

I. Welcome/Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:40pm. Ms. Patterson welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited comments. Ms. Patterson also announced that Mr. Bowser was retiring from the DMHMRSAS and offered comments of thanks for his service to the Metro Richmond LHRC.

II. Public Comments

Several Affiliates expressed well wishes to Mr. Bowser and indicated that he would always be welcomed back as a volunteer on the Metro Richmond LHRC.

III. Review of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2008 LHRC meeting as submitted.

IV. DMHMRSAS OHR Report

Mr. Bowser introduced Michael Curseen from the DMHMRSAS OHR and indicated that the committee would be in good hands with Mike and Beverly Garnes who will be sharing the task of providing support to the Region IV human rights committees.

Mr. Bowser proceeded to relay the following information and request: presently there are 17 Providers on a waiting list for affiliation with a committee and these Providers will be going to the new committees that have been formed in the Richmond metro area and will be operating in the next several months. However, there are 20+ programs on a waiting list for affiliation and 50 Providers have applied for licenses to provide services and will be requesting affiliation.

Mr. Bowser indicated that all providers share the responsibility for assisting with finding LHRC members and urged all in attendance to give this request attention. Due to the unprecedented growth of provider programs in the Metro Richmond area Mr. Bowser recommended the committee consider taking 8 affiliates on a temporary basis if the need arises in September. A motion was made and properly seconded to approve accepting 8 Affiliates on a "temporary basis if needed in September of 2009"

V. Affiliate Presentations

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

A Grace Place Adult Care Center
Associated Educational Services of Virginia
CJW Medical Center Tucker Pavilion
Community Residences
Cumberland Hospital Comprehensive Rehab. & Community Based Services
Dana's Habitat
Diamonds in the Rough
Dominion Youth Services
Family Preservation Services
Divine Residential Services
Independent Adult Care Services

- AES added Day TX Program at St. Joseph's School in Petersburg in June of 2008
- Betsy Blair is the new CEO for Tuckers CJW
- Community Residences staff to return to the Metro Richmond LHRC meeting in April to provide a follow-up report as requested in addition, a revised Human Rights Activity Report is to be submitted to Laura Nguyen Staff Support to the committee by March 18 2009 indicating findings and corrective actions taken in response to an incident reported on the Human Rights Activity Report.
- LHRC committee recommended quarterly training be implemented for all staff at all three programs in Human Rights, Health safety and risk Management policies and procedures and is requesting to review the Health and safety policies and procedures for Community Residences.
- Generation X-Cel's request to add on a Day -Tx Program was tabled until the following Metro Richmond LHRC meeting in April. The committee requested that the individual who will be operating the Day TX program attend to present information on the program to committee members.
- **Mary Hutson VTCC gave an informative synopsis and provided handouts on the Collaborative Problem Solving Approach Model of Care (CPS) developed by Ross Greene and Stuart Ablon. This tx model has been adopted at VTCC and Mary announced the following changes since the implementation of CPS at VTCC: 84% reduction in seclusions, 43% reduction in restraints, 81% reduction in VCU Police interventions, 16 % reduction in staff injuries.**

VI. Old Business

Ms. Patterson Chair reiterated that

1. Affiliate Liaison's are required to attend and strongly encouraged to stay for the entire meeting and to report on their required meeting dates as part of the Affiliation Agreement with the Metro Richmond LHRC. Human Rights Activity Reports are to be submitted to Laura Nguyen at the RBHA by the last day of the month preceding their scheduled attendance date.
2. All incident reports with injuries must be investigated and the investigation must eliminate abuse and neglect as result of the injury.

VII. Adjournment: 8:30:pm

VIII. Meeting Dates: Wednesday, April 15, 2009, 5:30pm at the RBHA