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MIDDLE PENINSULA-NORTHERN NECK  
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF JULY 24, 2006

Chairman, Frank Jewell, called the regular meeting of the Middle Peninsula-Northern Neck Local Human Rights Committee to order at 1:00 PM on July 24, 2006, at The Brambles Day Support located in Mathews, Virginia. Board members in attendance were Frank Jewell, Barbara Vest, Judith Link and Bill Reisner. Agency representatives included Joanne Brown - MP-NN CSB, Patrizia and Warren Nesbitt - Sola, Inc., Betty Self - Bridges of RGH/Bridges Inpatient Unit, Mary Hayden and Terry Adkins - Heart Havens, Clyde Forrest -The Brambles, Jeanie Murphy-Caring Family Home. Jim Allison–Arc of Peninsula - Puller Center was absent. Willie Barnes, Human Rights Advocate was also in attendance.

A welcome was extended to Willie Barnes this LHRC newly assigned advocate.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Barbara Vest and seconded by Judith Link to approve minutes as presented. Vote was unanimous.

Program Presentation

Clyde Forrest welcomed the committee to The Brambles Day Support and invited everyone to refreshments provided. He gave an informative presentation about the services provided by The Brambles Day Support.

Event Report Statistics

Reports from each provider on events occurring during the period of April 1 through June 30, 2006.

**Bridges of RGH-Structured Outpatient Program** – Betty Self reported no events. No change to program and no restraint or seclusion.

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**Heart Havens** – Mary Hayden reported no events. No change to program and no restraint or seclusion.

**Middle Peninsula-Northern Neck CSB** – Joanne Brown reported the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Division had 5 pending complaints from second quarter of FY 06. Appeals were filed, then withdrawn and cases were closed. There were 5 pending complaints from the third quarter of FY06. Appeals were filed for four of the complaints. The appeals were then withdrawn and cases were closed. An appeal was file for the fifth complaint and the consumer accepted the resolutions. In the fourth quarter of FY 06 there was one complaint. It was determined that there was no violation of human rights. The MR Division had 4 peer to peer abuse complaints that were determined as staff followed proper policy and procedures.

**Sola, Inc.** – Patrizia Nesbitt reported no events. No change to program and no restraint or seclusion.

**The Brambles** – Clyde Forrest reported 5 complaints of abuse or neglect. No change to program and no restraint or seclusion.

**Caring Family Home** - Jeanie Murphy reported no events. No change to program and no restraint or seclusion.

#### New business

The slate of officers for the 06-07 year was presented without change. Bill Reisner made the motion and seconded by Barbara Vest. Vote was unanimous.

Joanne Brown, Middle Peninsula-Northern Neck CSB, asked that Discovery Place be granted affiliation with this LHRC. Bill Reisner made the motion and it was seconded by Judith Link. Vote was unanimous.

#### Old Business

The By-Laws were reviewed and Willie Barnes stated by Mr. Daye had requested that under Article II – Membership, Section 1 to delete the words “of a minimum”. The sentence will read. The LHRC shall consist of five (5) members appointed by the SHRC, and who are residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The Program Affiliate Agreement was discussed due to the absence of a representative from Arc of Peninsula-Puller Center. All affiliated programs are bound by the agreement, therefore, a letter from the chairman will be sent to the Puller Center stating this requirement. The agreement will be reviewed at the next meeting.

#### Training

Ms. Barnes told the committee that she would be happy to present mini trainings at each meeting.

Barbara Vest asked the affiliated programs if the clients in the different programs had input to the Rules of Conduct for the program with which they were a part of. The affiliated programs explained the different methods in which clients are involved.

#### Announcement/Updates

Willie Barnes asked if committee members had been notified that the Local Human Rights Committee/State Human Rights Committee Seminar, schedule for September 7, 8, 2006 has been postponed until the spring of 2007.

#### Executive Session

On motion of Bill Reisner, seconded by Barbara Vest, the LHRC voted to go into executive session per VA Code Section 2.2-3711A(4) for the protection of the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business namely to hear patient related information involving a complaint allegation.

Upon returning to public session each member of the committee certified that to the best of their knowledge only matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and only such matters for the protection of the privacy of individuals and their records in personal matters not related to public business were heard and discussed or considered.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be held Monday, October 23, 2006, 1:00 p.m. at Bridges of RGH, Kilmarnock VA.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Platt, Administrative Support to the Committee