

NEWPORT NEWS REGIONAL LHRC

March 13, 2007

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Joyce O'Brien	LHRC Member, Chairperson
Rosanne Walters	LHRC Member
Crystal Rivera	LHRC Member
Reginald Daye	Office of Human Rights
Gianna Mitchell	Office of Human Rights
Louise Beveridge	LHRC Member, Vice Chairperson
Kelly Walter	Keystone Newport News
Gail Smith	Chessen and Associates
Heather Fisher	Family Solutions
Devin Beverly	Therapeutic Options
Gregory Smith	Residential Living Options
Allon Wright	Families In New Directions
Michael Bains	Brighter Futures
Patricia Bills	Alexander House

ABSENT:

Precious Etheridge	LHRC Member
Nanette Hilliard	Family First/Lydia's House

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Joyce O'Brien, Chairperson at 6:15 p.m.

II. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

The minutes for the December 12, 2006 meeting were reviewed and approved with corrections. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Joyce O'Brien, seconded by Crystal Rivera, and unanimously approved.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Topic: Family Solutions-requesting temporary affiliation

Discussion: They are currently awaiting licensure at the third location on Allen Street. Ms. Barnes is currently reviewing the human rights plan. The Greenwood Drive address requested permanent affiliation.

Action: A motion was made by Rosanne Walters to recommend that temporary affiliation be granted for 90 days while they await

licensure, and that the Greenwood Drive address be granted permanent affiliation. Crystal Rivera seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

B. Topic: Alexander House not present

Discussion: Alexander House's affiliation was dropped to temporary affiliation due to non attendance at the December meeting. They had a mix up in the dates and assured the committee that it would not occur again. They are requesting that their affiliation be changed to permanent.

Action: Rosanne Walters made a motion that Alexander House be granted permanent affiliation. The motion was seconded by Crystal Rivera and a unanimous was taken.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Topic: Therapeutic Options discontinuing their affiliation with Human Rights Committee

Discussion: Dr. Devin Beverly stated that the program would no longer be providing services and that they turned their license to the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services.

Action: Reginald Daye, Office of Human Rights stated that he will review agencies for affiliation into Newport News Regional LHRC. Office of Human Rights will recommend another provider upon the approval of their policies and procedures. A motion in favor of adding a new member was made by Joyce O'Brien and seconded by Crystal Rivera, and unanimously approved.

B. Topic: Human Rights Volunteer Luncheon

Discussion: The Human Rights Volunteer Luncheon will be held April 13, 2007. Flyers have been sent out regarding the luncheon. Currently attending the luncheon: Gianna Mitchell, Louise Beveridge and Willie Barnes.

Action: None Required

C. Topic: Human Rights Regulations

Discussion: Human Rights regulations are being reviewed by Attorney General prior to submission to state board and government. Anticipating approved regulations by September 2007 Human Rights Conference.

Action: None Required

D. Topic: Human Rights Annual Report

Discussion: Mr. Daye reported that there were over 1,000 allegations in 2006. Over 550 licensed programs and 160 operating. Bulk of incidents in 2006 were Peer-to-Peer, trying to address local violence.

Action: Mr. Daye will be bringing in his Annual report next meeting.

V. STANDING REPORTS

A. Topic: General Information

Discussion: Affiliates were asked to bring any issues that include resident information to be heard in the closed session.

Action: Reports were received from all affiliate programs in attendance. A summary is attached.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the public was present, no comments were made.

VII. CLOSED SESSION

Motion: *Executive Session, pursuant to VA Code 2.2-3711-A (4), for the protection of the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business, namely to review patient information from Keystone Newport News, Residential Living Options and Family Solutions pursuant to the regulations.*

Action: Joyce O'Brien made a motion to go into closed session at 7:28 p.m. to discuss issues evident in report from Family Solutions, Residential Living Options and Keystone Newport News. The motion was seconded by Crystal Rivera and unanimously approved.

VIII. RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION

Motion: *Upon reconvening in Open Session at 7:57 p.m., each member of the LHRC certified to the best of their knowledge, that only public business matters lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements and only private business matters identified in the motion to convene the Executive Session were discussed in accordance to the VA Code 2.2-3711-A (4).*

IX. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next regular LHRC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 12, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at Keystone Newport News.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Joyce O'Brien adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Joyce O'Brien, Chairperson

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