

NEWPORT NEWS REGIONAL LHRC

June 13, 2006

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Joyce O'Brien	LHRC Member, Chairperson
Precious Etheridge	LHRC Member
Louise Beveridge	LHRC Member, Vice Chairperson
Crystal Rivera	LHRC Member
Reginald Daye	Regional Advocate, Office of Human Rights
Andrea Coleman	Human Rights Advocate
Kelly Walter	Keystone Newport News
Gail Smith	Chessen and Associates
Nanette Hilliard	Family First/Lydia's House
Heather Soady	Family Solutions
Devin Beverly	Therapeutic Options
Cecilia Hardy	Brighter Futures
Patricia Bills	Alexander House
Gregory Smith	Residential Living Options
Allon Wright	Families In New Directions

ABSENT:

Rosanne Walters	LHRC Member (<i>excused – attending City Council Meeting</i>)
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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Joyce O'Brien, Chairperson at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Daye introduced Andrea Coleman as the new Human Rights Advocate.

II. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

The minutes for the March 14, 2006 meeting were reviewed and amended. A motion was made by Louise Beveridge to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Precious Etheridge, and unanimously approved.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Topic: Update on New Language for the By Laws

Discussion: Mr. Daye distributed a draft copy for the committee to review and noted the variances on each page.

Mr. Daye advised the committee that if they chose to adopt the new language, our By Laws will not have to go back to the state committee for approval. Mr. Daye's office could make the changes for us.

Action: A motion was made by Precious Etheridge to adopt the recommended changes, seconded by Louise Beveridge and unanimously approved.

B. Topic: Update on 2005-2006 Affiliate Agreements – Chessen and Associates

Discussion: The representative from Chessen and Associates, Gail Smith, was present and signed the new Affiliate Agreement.

C. Topic: Update on State Human Rights Conference

Discussion: Mr. Daye reported the conference has been cancelled and a memo will be forthcoming to the committee. The conference has been postponed until Spring of 2007 to allow time for public hearings before the new regulations are published.

Mr. Daye also noted that a regional training session will be held in September.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Topic: Affiliate Presentation by Alexander House

Discussion: Presentations were made regarding Families In New Directions and Keystone Newport News.

Action: Chessen and Associates and Family Solutions will make presentations at the next meeting.

B. Topic: Review of Temporary Affiliation – Chessen and Associates

Discussion: Gail Smith stated she had inherited the responsibility of representing Chessen and Associates at this meeting and apologized because she had not fully understood the necessity of attendance. She stated the process of internal communication within her agency has been changed and she has now noted the meeting dates for the remainder of the year on her personal calendar. Ms. Smith stated her agency will be in full compliance regarding attendance in the future.

Mr. Daye gave an overview of the process and options for the committee.

Action: A motion was made by Previous Etheridge, seconded by Louise Beveridge, and unanimously approved that Chessen and

Associates be granted Temporary Affiliation status for an additional ninety days. The Committee Chairperson will send Chessen and Associates written notification of this decision. This issue will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting, at which time Chessen and Associates may request a change to Full Affiliation.

**C. Topic: Request for Variance for Use of Unit Restriction –
Keystone Newport News**

Discussion: Mr. Daye reported the request is being revised and this topic will be tabled until the next meeting. However, any variances must be submitted to the state before September 1st.

Action: A members only meeting will be held on August 8th at 6:00 p.m. Materials will be sent with a meeting reminder.

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. As each representative presented their report, Mr. Daye confirmed any pending issues regarding the status of the submission of their annual report

VI. CLOSED SESSION

There were no issues to be presented therefore the committee did not go into closed session.

VII. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next LHRC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. at Keystone Newport News.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Joyce O'Brien adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Joyce O'Brien, Chairperson

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