

# NEWPORT NEWS REGIONAL LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE (LHRC)

June 8, 2010

## MINUTES

<b>PRESENT:</b>	
Joyce O'Brien	LHRC Member
Felicia Tyler	LHRC Member, Chairman
Robin Rukin	LHRC Member, Secretary
Stewart Prost	Office of Human Rights (OHR)
Chris Ruble	Newport News Behavioral Health Center
Carey Chappell	Newport News Behavioral Health Center
Jill Adrian	Newport News Behavioral Health Center
Kerry Dryden	Chessen and Associates
Heather Fisher	Family Solutions
Gregory Smith	Residential Living Options
Stephen Parker	Brighter Futures
Patricia Bills	Alexander House
Kristi Saul	Family First of Virginia Beach/Lydia's House
<b>ABSENT:</b>	
Christine Pearce	LHRC Member
Deborah Elliott	LHRC Member

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Felicia Tyler, Chairman at 2:20pm.

### II. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

The minutes for the March 9, 2010 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Ms. O'Brien to accept the minutes with the revisions from Office of Human Rights. Motion was seconded by Ms. Rukin. Vote was taken, all in favor.

### III. OLD BUSINESS

#### A. Topic: Family First of Virginia Beach/Lydia's House requesting continued temporary affiliation of Girls Group Home

Discussion: Family First of Virginia Beach/Lydia's House requested continued temporary affiliation for an additional location for girls ages 12-17 with moderate to serve emotional behavioral problems. Continued temporary affiliation was granted at the March 9, 2010 meeting.

Action: Family First of Virginia Beach/Lydia's House requests continued temporary affiliation for new location (girls group home). A motion was made by Ms. Rukin to continue temporary affiliation for new location (girls group home) until the next LHRC meeting this motion was seconded by Ms. O'Brien. Vote was taken, all in favor.

### IV. NEW BUSINESS – No New Business

## V. **ADVOCATE'S REPORT**

- Mr. Stewart Prost from the OHR stated that James Stewart has been appointed as the Commissioner for the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and the Deputy Commissioner is Olivia Garland. Ms. Garland is currently doing double duty as the Interim Director at Eastern State Hospital.
- Mr. Prost stated that Willie Barnes has left their agency. Ms. Barnes is currently working in the licensing office within the Department of Social Service out of Newport News. Your representatives at the OHR are Reginald Daye and Stewart Prost. Mr. Prost stated that it is very important that when completing investigations you as the affiliates are thorough and follow through in a timely fashion.
- Mr. Prost stated that this is the last LHRC meeting for Ms. Joyce O'Brien. Mr. Prost thanked Ms. O'Brien for her years of service and dedication while serving as a board member. Mr. Prost asked the board members and the affiliates to start looking for eligible candidates (General) to apply. If a viable candidate is found contact Mr. Prost. A special meeting with OHR and the LHRC board members can be conducted at Newport News Behavioral Health Center to interview potential candidates. Applications can be obtained from Mr. Prost or Ms. Adrian.

## VI. **STANDING REPORTS**

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 read aloud and received from all affiliates in attendance.

## VII. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**The following comment was made by Chris Ruble, Newport News Behavioral Health Center:**

- Mr. Ruble informed the committee about the name change from Keystone Newport News to Newport News Behavioral Health Center (legally both). We are currently waiting on licensing to officially issue a license in our new name. The name change took place because Keystone is a company that no longer exists; it was purchased in whole by another company. The decision was made to rename the facility Newport New Behavioral Health Center, because we do more than the old Keystone facilities and we will continue to do more.

## VIII. **CLOSED SESSION**

Motion: At 2:45m Ms. Rukin moved that the LHRC go into executive session, pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2-371(A), for the protection of privacy of individuals and their records in personal matters not related to public business, namely to conduct a hearing pursuant to the Regulations, namely to review serious incidents from Residential Living Options, Family Solutions, Family First of Virginia Beach/Lydia's House and Newport News Behavioral Health Center. Ms. Tyler seconded the motion to go into closed session.

**IX. RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION**

Motion: At 3:30pm a motion was made by Ms. Rukin to reconvene into Open Session. Motion seconded by Ms. Tyler along with making the following statement, "each member shall certify that to the best of their knowledge that matters only 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, discussed, or considered."

**X. LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Residential Living Options:**

- No recommendations

**Family Solutions:**

- No recommendations

**Family First of Virginia Beach/Lydia's House:**

- No recommendations

**Newport News Behavioral Health Center:**

- No recommendations

**XI. MEETING SCHEDULE 2010 (2:00-4:00pm):** September 14 / December 14

**XII. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

The next regular LHRC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 14, 2010 at 2:00pm at Newport News Behavioral Health Center.
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**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Tyler adjourned the meeting at 3:40pm

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Felicia Tyler, Chairperson

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