

Northern Virginia Regional Local Human Rights Committee
Monday April 3, 2006 at 6:30pm
NVTC, Building #1, Executive Conference Room

Committee Members:	Status	Committee Members:	Status
Patricia Fuller	present	Ivenia May	absent
Ann Pascoe	present	Lucy Sotar	present
Mary Grady-Griffith	present	Amy Ashley	present
A.Michelle Petrini	present	Human Rights Advocate	Status
Denise Kaffka	present	Tim Simmons	excused
W. Bruce Jennings	excused	Deb Lockhart	present

General Attendance: Suzanne Schuler, Multicultural Clinic Center- Ann Wood, Whisper Ridge- Kevin Burgess, Estelle Place, LLC- Deborah Roundtree and Phillips Family Partners- Susan Montello.

Meeting Minutes:

Call to Order.

Review Minutes:

March minutes accepted with minor corrections.

New Member update:

No new applications received. Ms. Suzanne Schuler was a recent applicant interviewed by Ms. Petrini and is recommended to become a member of the Committee. Ms. Schuler was present at the meeting and confirmed her interest in joining the Committee.

Renewed affiliated program update:

Whitman Walker clinic check arrived late (March 13) and has been cashed. Family Preservation's check bounced and was tried a 2nd time and went through 3/16. They will send a \$6 processing fee to Beyond Behaviors. Chair will f/u to ensure the processing fee is paid. An email was sent to Beyond Behaviors for an update. Review Affiliated Agency info from 2004-2005 and compare with 2005-2006 and note problematic agencies. All members given copies and the Committee will review follow November meeting to see if any previously problematic programs continue to have problems accomplishing the requirements of the Committee.

Program Presentation: Copy of updated presentation schedule w/ changes noted was provided to Committee members. The following programs presented: Whisper Ridge- Kevin Burgess: who reported that his agency's name changed effective April 1st to North Spring Behavioral Health Center, Multicultural Clinic Center- Ann Wood: a copy of the translated Human Rights page by CMHS was provided to Ms. Wood and email exchange will initiated by the Chair, Estelle Place, LLC- Deborah Roundtree, Phillips Family Partners- Susan Montello: Ms. Montello reported that there are several other programs under the Phillips Family Partner umbrella and will investigate which programs are affiliated with this Committee. Programs conducted their presentations and provided informational materials to the Committee. All programs departed at the break.

Brief Break.

Communication w/ LHRC:

LHRC will be purchasing a PO box address and will have it by the next meeting. All agree to have the PO box at the Merrifield Post Office location.

Due to the Regional Human Rights Advocates departure, the Committee will delay the mass mailing with the change of address w/ LHRC business cards and HR advocate business cards and possibly the new Regional Human Rights Advocates business cards too. The Committee will revisit the issue at the next meeting and will likely do the mass mailing at the June meeting. "Human Writes" was re-distributed and further discussion regarding its purpose and the upcoming article by the Chair. The newsletter reports of suggested changes to the "blue book" which have been unofficially approved and may be reviewed on the web site. Chair discussed a new project to get all of the Chairs from the northern VA LHRCs together. The Committee was invited to attend the meeting at NVTC on April 18th as the Committee is hosting the event. The Committee approved the use of funds for refreshments at this meeting. Members will advise the Chair if they plan to attend.

Advocates Report: Deb Lockhart sat in for Tim Simmons. Ms. Lockhart reported that she did not have anything to report for Mr. Simmons regarding any formal or informal complaints over the past month. Mr. Simmons will provide his follow up information regarding the complaint at Dominion at the next meeting. Ms. Lockhart reported that there will be a LHRC two day seminar September 7 and 8. It is reported that the seminar is exclusively for LHRC's and will be paid for by the state, including hotel stay. All Committee members are encouraged to attend and to ask now for the time off of work. A checklist of suggested topics may be forthcoming and all LHRCs are encouraged to indicate which topics are of interest to them.

Old Business:

Recruitment efforts and Public Service Announcements were investigated by Ms. Fuller. Ms. Fuller provided a lot of information to the Committee of the various newspapers she investigated and the cost involved with each one. The idea of giving all affiliated programs a copy of the meeting calendar to be posted in the respective programs to meet the FOIA obligation re: public meeting notices was also discussed. The calendars can be provided to programs at the Annual Meeting. In addition, per Ms. Fuller, advertising in various publications is expensive. The Chair suggested bringing this issue to the collaborative meeting with all the LHRC chairs to see if this issue could be addressed as a group. The Chair will report the follow up at the next meeting. The Committee thanked Ms. Fuller for her efforts.

New Business: The Committee discussed having Mark Seymore, the Child Advocate, come to a future meeting to discuss his role and how it relates to this Committee. The Chair will f/u with Mr. Simmons to request contact w/ Mr. Seymore. The Committee also discussed having a representative from Licensure come to a future meeting to also discuss Licensure's role with this Committee. Again, the Chair will f/u with Mr. Simmons to request contact with Licensure to request their attendance at a future meeting.

The Chair requested volunteers for a Nominating Subcommittee as Committee elections will take place next month with new officer positions taking effect at the June meeting. The Chair reported that she will be re-instituting the positions of Vice-Chair and Secretary. Ms. Petrini and Ms. Grady-Griffith volunteered and were appointed to the subcommittee. They will provide nomination names at the May meeting where Committee member will vote.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10pm. Next meeting May 1, 2006 at 6:30pm at NVTC 9901 Braddock Road, Building One, Executive Conference Room.