

Ocean View Regional Local Human Right Committee Agenda

Date of meeting – February 2, 2009

- Members Present - Debbie Coley, Carleton B. Hunt, Odulia Brown, Rosalyn Wiggins
- Others Present – Reginald Daye (Regional Advocate) Josefina E. Galon, Jen & C Home Care LLC, Raymond Desvarieux, Valdemar Home Care, Joseph Hackett, Access Regional Taskforce, Lorie Monroe, Access Regional Taskforce, Adalay Wilson, United Methodist Family Services In Home Family Services Program
- Call to Order: The acting chair of the Local Human Rights Committee, Ms. Debbie Coley, called the meeting to order at 10:00am. The meeting was at the United Methodist Family Services In Home Family Services Program, located at 815 Baker Road Virginia Beach, VA 23462
- Adoption of Agenda: The Local Human Rights Committee voted to adopt the meeting as submitted.
- Approval of Minutes: The LHRC voted to approve the minutes of December 8, 2008 meeting as submitted.
- Old Business – There was a discussion regarding reports presented by the Jen & C Home Care, LLC and Valdemar Home Care

1. Ms. Josefina Galon of Jen & C Home Care presented to the committee the kind of services being offered as its behavioral management techniques. Ms. Josefina Galon specifically mentioned that its group homes staff are TOVA trained and are currently employees of SETVC, as essential plus to minimizing the use of restrictions in its behavioral management goals. Jen & C was licensed in December 10, 2008. The committee voted to extend temporary affiliation of Jen & C for 10 days until the affiliation fee of \$300.00 is paid pending the committees treasurer's set up of the account with WACHOVIA BANK A motion to approve Jen & C's behavioral technique was grants by the committee. As to Jen & C's policy Rules and conduct. The committee requests that copies be sent to Reginald Daye and to the members before.
2. Valdemar Homecare represented by Mr. Raymond Desvarieux presented a general rule of no smoking, no drinking, and no guns in his adult services residential home. A discussion followed regarding policy rules #4, #5, #7, and #8.

#2 policy question of the committee was; what happens if the resident does not follow the rules set up by the residential staff. Mrs. Desvarieux responded that residents have their own right to chose that they don't want to do. However, they will sit down with the client and find out his or her reason and come up with a reasonable compromise.

#4 policy for special request for food preference. It was suggested by the committee that while Valdemar Home Care will have a routine menu (specific food for a specific day) menus be planned at least a week in advance so a client maybe able to request another food of his or her liking for a specific day.

#5 policy on group activities. The committee suggested that policy should not be too restrictive and that it should be outlined that group activities can also be modified to allow personal interest of clients.

#7 Policy on no alcohol beverages in the facility. It was emphasized by Mr. Reginald Daye, that all staff and residents have the same interpretation of the policy. Therefore the policy should be further clarified. Example; what happens when a client comes back from 7-11 intoxicated?

#8 Policy on long distance calls. Mr. Desvarieux said that his clients maybe provided cell phones by their family members and that staff assistance will be provided and privacy given. He also mentioned allowing long distant phone calls per month in pay phone.

The committee recommended that Valdemar Home Care make corrections to its program rules of conduct and send copies to Mr. Reginald Daye and the members prior to the next meeting. The LHRC voted to continue for 90 days, Vlademar Home Care temporary affiliation with the LHRC.

The discussion went further to the behavioral management's technique of Valdemar Home Care. Mr. Desvarieux was asked about CPI and he said that CPI is a certified process intervention before an aggressive behavior escalates to further violence and whatever can be provided will be given. A question was added about mechanical restraint application. Mr. Desvarieux responds that absolutely no devices will be used in his residential adult home. The committee passed the motion to approve the behavioral management technique of Valdemar Home Care.

Treasurer's Report: The switch in position of selected secretary and treasurer was approved by the committee. Narcisa de la Cruz of Jen & C will now be the secretary and Reymond Desvarieux the treasurer, Mr. Desvarieux said that by Wednesday February 4, 2008, he will go to Wachovia Bank and open an account.

New Business: The committee considered requested for temporary affiliation from the following providers: United Methodist Family Services In Home Program.

Ms. Adalay described the program. A motion was approved to grant affiliation of United Methodist. Mr. Wilson was also given a copy of affiliation agreement to be signed. No money is due today.

1. Mr. Joseph Hatchett presented the program of Access Regional Taskforce created to house children aged 8-18 coming from violent and abusive environments.

A motion was approved to grant a 90 day temporary affiliation for the Access Regional Taskforce residential home.

Mr. Daye emphasized that the program's rules of conduct be more explicit and that they apply to everyone across the board. The program needs to make revisions and resubmit its rules of conduct.

Mr. Hatchet's stated his staff to be trained in TOVA. He stated that his program is planning to change to TOVA. The committee voted to accept the crisis wave as a part of the Access Regional Taskforce behavior management technique, subject to the program training its staff in TOVA.

Mr. Reginald Daye made clear to the providers that any modifications to their programs and or policies be submitted to him and to the committee members so they can go over there before the next meeting.

Other business; Ms. Olney shared information about provider reports. The purpose is to help the committee and secretary record the minutes and discussions from previous meetings. Copies of provider report reports were given to all present.

Mr. Daye also informed the current secretary to e-mail a draft of these meeting minutes to the State Human Rights Director (SHRD) who will have them posted. The approved minutes must be sent to SHRD, to be posted within three days of approval. Mr. Daye indicated that he would look over the draft minutes, if sent to him prior to them being sent out.

Public Commitment; There were no individuals who addressed the committee during the public comment period.

Schedule for the year; Mr. Olney presented the schedule for the years:

May 4, 2009 at 10:00am

August 3, 2009 at 10:00am

November 2, 2009 at 10:00am

Ms. Adalay Wilson said that all meetings can be held at the United Family Services In Home Family Services Program.

Mr. Daye stressed with the providers, that it is very important that they send a representative to each meeting.

He added that the committee is still in need of one more functional adult member and that whoever is interested may contact him for an application.

Mr. Daye trained the LHRC members on the FOIA. He also provided them with a copy of the FOIA section from the Code of Virginia.

Adjournment; The Local Human Right Committee voted and adjourn at 1:00pm.