

Petersburg Regional
Local Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2009

Committee Members Present:

Dr. Lee Ann Binger, LHRC Member
Mr. Mike Nichols, LHRC Member
Mr. Steven Watkins, LHRC Member

Committee Members Absent

Ms. Isabel Vartanian, LHRC Member
Ms. Michaelae McKeever-Davis, LHRC Member

Affiliate Members Present:

Ms. Kimberly Lindblad, Specialized Youth Services of Virginia, Inc.,
LHRC staff support and Affiliate
Mr. Jerry Von Poks, Poplar Springs Hospital, LHRC Affiliate
Mr. Charles Hodges, Poplar Springs Hospital, LHRC Affiliate

Affiliate Members Absent:

All other affiliate members were excused from attending this meeting.

Others Present:

Ms. Carrie Flowers, Residential Advocate, Office of Human Rights

I. Call to Order

- a) Mr. Nichols called the meeting to order at 10:09am.

II. New Business

- a) Jerry Von Poks introduced himself and reported that he will be the new Affiliate member, replacing Joslynn Napper for Poplar Springs Hospital. Charles Hodges also introduced himself and reported on his credentials and responsibilities at Poplar Springs Hospital. Mr. Hodges indicated that Crawford Day School (in the Tidewater area and under Poplar Springs Hospital's same parent company, Psych Solutions) has offered the service *In-school Day Treatment* for several years. Crawford Day School is acting as a consultant to Poplar Springs Academy to pilot this program both at Poplar Springs Academy as well as in the local public school systems in neighboring areas. The service will provide mental health support

services in the school setting to students with chronic mental health needs. These students must be identified as needing and being eligible for the service, which is funded by Medicaid. The service includes individual, group and family therapies. Not all Day School students will be eligible for the service. Poplar Springs Academy currently serves 17 middle school and high school students and projects having 45 students in the program by next year this time. Ms. Janet Branch is the interim Program Director; a permanent Director is scheduled to begin in April 2009. Dr. LeAnn Binger suggested that the program keep discharge and demographic information to measure outcomes so that the effectiveness of the service can be determined and be reported on to the committee. Ms. Flowers shared that the written request by Poplar Springs Hospital for approval of the service indicates the program will be licensed to serve children in grades Kindergarten through 12th. Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve the service; Dr. Binger seconded the motion. The program is now affiliated and approved through this LHRC to begin operations, with the understanding that all other mental health licensing requirements have been met.

III. Advocate's Report

- a) Ms. Flowers reported that Jim Bowser retired in early March 2009.

IV. Adjournment

- a) The LHRC meeting was adjourned at 10:40pm. The next regularly scheduled LHRC meeting will be held on May 13, 2009 at 6:00pm in the Poplar Springs Hospital private dining room. Dinner will be served at 5:30pm. Other meetings scheduled for the coming year are as follows: August 12, 2009, and October 14, 2009.

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