

Petersburg Regional
Local Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2008

Committee Members Present:

Dr. Lee Ann Binger, LHRC Member
Isabel Vartanian, LHRC Member
John Vartanian, LHRC Member
Michaela McKeever-Davis, LHRC Member
Mike Nichols, LHRC Member

Committee Members Absent

Steve Watkins, LHRC Member

Affiliate Members Present:

Samuel Onadipe, Savannah's House, LHRC Affiliate
Lashanda Powell, Triumph Residential Services, LHRC Affiliate
Victoria Gbadebo, Amazings Grace, LLC., LHRC Affiliate
Khafilat O. Arcapolano, Amazings Grace, LLC, LHRC Affiliate
Catherine Harrison, Jireh House, LLC., LHRC Affiliate
Audrey Campbell, Empowerment Clinical Consulting Services, LHRC Affiliate
Sherilyn Merritt, FamMat Services, LLC., LHRC Affiliate
Daniel Herr, Gateways Homes, LHRC Affiliate
Kimberly Lindblad, Specialized Youth Services of Virginia, Inc., LHRC staff support and Affiliate
JosLynn Napper, Poplar Springs Hospital, LHRC Affiliate

Affiliate Members Absent:

Linda Wallace, River City Residences, LLC, LHRC Affiliate
Ronald Wallace, River City Residences, LLC, LHRC Affiliate

Others Present:

Ansley Perkins, Regional Advocate, Office of Human Rights
Carrie Flowers, Residential Advocate, Office of Human Rights

I. Call to Order

a) Dr. L. Binger called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

II. Approval of the minutes

a) Isabel Vartanian motioned to approve the minutes from the May meeting. John Vartanian seconded the motion.

III. Public Comments

- a) There were no public comments

IV. New Business

- a) There was no new business.

V. Old Business

- a) Ms. Audrey Campbell of Empowerment Clinical requested LHRC approval of 3 new services, Mental Health Support, HIV/AIDS Case Management, and Referral and Liason which have all now been approved through licensure to operate business. John Vartanian made motion to approve the addition of this service; Mike Nichols seconded the motion. All members approved and the motion carried. Ms. Campbell also requested LHRC approval of the additional service, Day Treatment for children and adolescents, which has now been approved through licensure to operate business. Isabel Vartanian made motion to approve the addition of the service; John Vartanian seconded the motion. All members approved and the motion carried.

VI. Advocate Report

- a) Ms. Flowers reiterated that Blandford Manor and Poplar Springs have variances. They must both have their information into the OHR by the October meeting so the November deadline can be met. SHRC meets in early December.
- b) The next SHRC Meeting will be held in Galax, Virginia on September 5, 2008. Any new business for the agenda for that meeting must be submitted through the OHR by August 19, 2008.
- c) There will be a training for LHRC Committee Members on October 17, 2008 from 8:30am to 12:00pm at the Southside Virginia Training Center (tentative date/time). This training is for members only.

VII. Affiliate Reports

- Savannah's House
- Triumph Residential
- River City Residences (provided via fax)
- Jireh House
- Empowerment Clinical and Consulting Services

- FamMat Services, LLC
- Gateway Homes
- Specialized Youth Services of Va., Inc.
- Poplar Springs Hospital
- Amazings Grace

VIII. Closed Session

- a) A motion was made that the LHRC go into Executive Session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 for the purpose of reviewing the details of the Provider Reports. Dr. LeAnn Binger motioned to go into Closed Session; Isabel Vartanian seconded the motion.
- b) Upon reconvening into open session, the Local Human Rights Committee certified that only business matters lawfully exempted from statutory open meeting requirements and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the closed session were discussed in closed session.
- c) Roll Call: Isabel Vartanian, so certified; Dr. LeAnn Binger, so certified; John Vartanian, so certified; Michaelae McKeever-Davis, so certified; Mike Nichols, so certified.

IX. Other Business

- a) Committee Members requested that an item be added to the next meeting agenda to discuss the number of providers in attendance at the LHRC Meetings. Due to limited space in the meeting room, it was recommended that each affiliate send only one member to the meetings, rather than several people. This will be added to the agenda and discussed with all affiliates.
- b) Dr. LeAnn Binger requested that an item be added to the next meeting agenda to discuss replacing her as “Chair” of the committee. She would like to give one of the newer members an opportunity to serve in this capacity.

X. Adjournment

- a) The LHRC meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm. The next regularly scheduled LHRC meeting will be held on October 8, 2008 at 6:00pm in the Poplar Springs Hospital private dining room. Dinner will be served at 5:30pm.