

# Local Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2006

## **Present:**

James Bowser, Regional Advocate, Office of Human Rights  
Morris Jones, LHRC Chairman  
Betty Velez, LHRC Co-Chairman  
Dr. LeAnn Binger, LHRC Member  
Isabel Vartainian, LHRC Member  
John Vartainian, LHRC Member  
Sharlene Brown, LHRC Member  
Kimberly Lindblad, Specialized Youth Services Affiliate LHRC Member  
Daniel Herr, Gateway Homes Affiliate LHRC Member  
Jimmie L Spragans Poplar Springs Hospital, Affiliate LHRC Member/Staff Support  
Rudy Jackson, The Empowerment Center, Affiliate LHRC Member  
Eunice Blackwell, Savannah's House Affiliate LHRC Member

## **Absent:**

Kate McBride, Poplar Springs Hospital, Affiliate LHRC Member  
Jay Quarles, Savannah's House, Affiliate LHRC Member  
Tanisha Green, The Jireh House

## **I. Call to Order**

a) Chairman Morris Jones called the meeting to order at 1811 hrs.

## **II. Approval of the minutes**

a) The minutes were reviewed and a motion was made to approve the minutes for the August 9, 2006. The motion was carried unanimously.

## **III. Public Comments**

a) There were no public comments.

## **IV. Old Business**

a) Ms. Tanisha Green, Executive Director for the Jireh House, submitted the Jireh House Human Rights Policies and Procedures manual and requested affiliate membership with the committee. Due to extenuating circumstances, a representative was unable to present the policy and procedure manual to the committee. However, the

committee made a motion to have the Jireh House become an affiliate member and the committee voted unanimously to have them as an affiliate member.

**V. New Business**

- a) Presentation by The Empowerment Center
  - i. Mr. Rudy Jackson, President for the Empowerment Center, presented information regarding policies and procedures for the Empowerment Center.

**VI. Advocate Report**

- a) The Proposed Human Rights Regulations, 12VAC35-115-10 et seq were approved.

**VII. Affiliate Reports**

- a) Specialized Youth Services – presented report for programs.
- b) Poplar Springs Hospital-presented report for programs
- c) Savannah’s House– presented report for programs

A motion was made and passed to accept the human rights activities reports of the affiliates.

**VIII. Closed Session**

- a) A motion was made and passed that the LHRC go into Executive Session at 1850 hrs pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 for the protection of the privacy on individuals and their records and personal matters not related to public business.
- 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: Betty Velez, so certified; Sharlene Dandridge, so certified; Dr. LeAnn Binger, so certified, Izabell Vartanian, so certified; John Vartanian, so certified.

**IX. Adjournment**

- a) The LHRC meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:55pm. The next LHRC special meeting will be held on 8 February 2007 at 6:00 pm at Poplar Springs Hospital.