

Petersburg Regional
Local Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2008

Committee Members Present:

Dr. Lee Ann Binger, LHRC Member
Mr. Mike Nichols, LHRC Member
Mr. Steve Watkins, LHRC Member
Ms. Isabel Vartanian, LHRC Member

Committee Members Absent

Ms. Michaelae McKeever-Davis, LHRC Member

Affiliate Members Present:

Ms. Kimberly Lindblad, Specialized Youth Services of Virginia, Inc.,
LHRC staff support and Affiliate
Mr. Ronald Wallace, River City Residences, LLC, LHRC Affiliate
Ms. Brenda Hill-Bland, River City Residences, LLC, LHRC Affiliate
Ms. Lashanda Powell, Triumph Residential Services, LHRC Affiliate

Affiliate Members Absent:

Ms. JosLynn Napper, Poplar Springs Hospital, LHRC Affiliate

Others Present:

Ms. Ansley Perkins, Regional Advocate, Office of Human Rights
Mr. B.L.H., client
Ms. R.P., surrogate decision maker

I. Call to Order

a) Mr. Nichols called the meeting to order at 1:01pm.

II. Approval of the minutes

a) This meeting was held for several affiliates to address issues of a time-sensitive nature. Minutes for the last meeting were not reviewed or approved.

III. Public Comments

a) There were no public comments

IV. 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; Mr. Steven Watkins seconded the motion
- b) Mr. B.L.H., client at River City Residences, is in need of a surrogate decision maker, due to guardianship not having yet been decided. Ms. R.P. has known Mr. B.L.H. from a previous group home placement as she acted as direct care provider to Mr. B.L.H. for 5 years. Richmond Behavioral Health Authority (RBHA) placed Mr. B.L.H. at River City Residences and there is no court hearing set currently for the guardian decision to be made legal through the courts. Mr. Nichols made a motion to name Ms. R.P. as “Next Friend” to Mr. B.L.H. until a surrogate decision maker is identified; Ms. Vartanian seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- c) Roll Call: Isabel Vartanian, so certified; Dr. LeAnn Binger, so certified; Mike Nichols, so certified; Steven Watkins, so certified.

IV. New Business

- a) Ms. Powell of Triumph Residential Services, Inc. requested to add a new location in Petersburg, Va., “Triumph II”. Triumph currently holds a DMHMRSAS license for another home and this new location will provide similar services to 4 adults over 18 years of age. Dr. Binger motioned for approval of services to be provided at the new additional location; Mr. Nichols seconded the motion.

V. Old Business

- a) A review of the state department’s minutes from last year showed that Poplar Springs Hospital and Specialized Youth Services of Va., Inc. need only submit annual data on their variances for Time Out. Prior to now, it was thought that the two affiliates were required to submit renewal requests. The state had approved the variances for a period of two years and therefore the affiliates were required only to submit annual data, not the renewal requests.

IX. Other Business

- a) There was no other business.

X. Adjournment

- a) The LHRC meeting was adjourned at 1:37pm. The next regularly scheduled LHRC meeting will be held on February 11, 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: May 13, 2009, August 12, 2009, and October 14, 2008.