

Petersburg Regional
Local Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2009

Committee Members Present:

Dr. Lee Ann Binger, LHRC Member
Mr. Mike Nichols, LHRC Member
Ms. Isabel Vartanian, LHRC Member
Ms. Michaelae McKeever-Davis, LHRC Member

Committee Members Absent

Mr. Steven Watkins, 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. Linda Wallace, River City Residences, LLC, LHRC Affiliate
Ms. Lashanda Powell, Triumph Residential Services, LHRC Affiliate
Ms. Delna Pope, Triumph Residential Services, LHRC Affiliate
Ms. Joslynn Napper, Poplar Springs Hospital, LHRC Affiliate
Mr. Daniel Herr, Gateway Homes, LHRC Affiliate
Mr. Rudi Jackson, Empowerment Clinical Services, LHRC Affiliate
Ms. Eunice Blackwell, Savannah's House, LHRC Affiliate
Mr. Lola Shodeinde, Amazings Grace, LHRC Affiliate
Ms. Sherilyn Merritt, FamMat Services, LLC., LHRC Affiliate
Ms. Catherine Harrison, Jireh House, LLC., LHRC Affiliate

Affiliate Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

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

I. Call to Order

a) Mr. Nichols called the meeting to order at 6:06pm.

II. Approval of the minutes

a) Dr. LeAnn Binger motioned to approve the minutes from the October 2008 and November 2008 meetings; Ms. Vartanian seconded the motion.

III. Public Comments

- a) There were no public comments

IV. New Business

- a) Poplar Springs opted not to present either issue on the agenda for new business, (i.e. Day Treatment in the school, Variance for Structured Living). Ms. Napper reported she did not have any information on these topics for the committee's review.

V. Old Business

- a) Mr. John Vartanian submitted his resignation to the committee in writing. Mr. Vartanian indicated he is no longer interested in serving as this meeting conflicts with other events on his personal schedule.

VI. Advocate's Report

- a) Ms. Flowers reported that the SHRC has requested that all LHRCs take on at least five more affiliates as there are a large number of new providers unable to operate due to insufficient openings on local committees. Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve the addition of 5 new affiliates for a limited time period of 6 months; Ms. McKeever-Davis seconded the motion.
- b) Ms. Flowers also requested that each provider attempt to identify potential LHRC Members. Ms. Flowers stated she will locate a copy of the bi-laws for this committee to share with the committee the prescribed number of members as well as the identified roles (i.e. client, family member of a client, etc.).
- c) Ms. Flowers also advised those affiliates who have not submitted their annual numbers for 2008, to do so immediately; this should include annual total numbers of restraints and seclusions as well. These numbers were due to the OHR on January 15, 2009.

VII. Affiliate Reports

- Savannah's House
- Triumph Residential
- Jireh House, LLC
- Empowerment Clinical Consulting Services
- FamMat Services, LLC
- Gateway Homes

- Specialized Youth Services of Va., Inc.
- Poplar Springs Hospital
- River City Residences
- 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. Mr. Nichols motioned to go into Closed Session; Dr. LeAnn Binger 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; Mike Nichols, so certified; Michael McKeever-Davis, so certified.

IX. Other Business

- a) There was no other business.

X. Adjournment

- a) The LHRC meeting was adjourned at 7:11pm. 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, 2008.