

Petersburg Regional
Local Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2010

Committee Members Present:

Ms. Isabel Vartanian, LHRC Member
Ms. Michelle-McKeever-Davis, LHRC Member
Mr. Steven Watkins, LHRC Member
Ms. Marie Parker, LHRC Member

Committee Members Absent

Mr. Michael Nichols, LHRC Member

Affiliate Members Present:

Ms. Kimberly Lindblad, Specialized Youth Services of Virginia, Inc.,
LHRC staff support and Affiliate
Mr. Ron 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
Ms. Victoria Gbadebo, Amazings Grace, LHRC Affiliate
Ms. Arleatha M. Simms, Simms Children Assistance Services, LHRC Affiliate
Ms. Margaret Gwynn, A & C Alternative Care, LLC, LHRC Affiliate
Ms. Audrey Campbell, ECCS, LHRC Affiliate
Mr. Jerry Von Poks, Poplar Springs Hospital, LHRC Affiliate
Mr. Daryl Jefferson, We Care Residential Services, LLC, LHRC Affiliate
Ms. Wilma Mullins, DBS Family Services, LHRC Affiliate
Ms. Frances Hubbard, DBS Family Services, LHRC Affiliate
Ms. Eunice Blackwell, Savannah's House, LHRC Affiliate
Ms. Zakiyyah S. Mohammed, Savannah's House, LHRC Affiliate

Affiliate Members Absent:

Mr. Daniel Herr, Gateway Homes, LHRC Affiliate
Ms. Shirletta Highsmith, R.E.A.P., LLC, LHRC Affiliate
Ms. Sherily Merritt, FamMat Services, LLC, LHRC Affiliate
Ms. Catherine Harrison, Jireh House, LLC, LHRC Affiliate

Others Present:

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

I. Call to Order

a) Mr. Steven Watkins called the meeting to order at 2:30pm.

II. Approval of the minutes

- a) Ms. Vartanian moved to accept the February minutes as written; Ms. Parker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

III. Public Comments

No public comment

IV. New Business

No new business

V. Old Business

- a) Empowerment Clinical and Consulting Services, LLC (ECCS) previously requested to affiliate their new Therapeutic Day Treatment program in Region IV. Empowerment Clinical was awaiting feedback from the Office of Human Rights that that office had received verification (from DBHDS) that ECCS was in compliance with all DBHDS regulations. ECCS provided committee members with a letter from Margaret Walsh of the State Office of Human Rights verifying ECCS's compliance. No further action was required. Ms. McKeever-Davis motioned approval to add the service and allow it's affiliation with this committee; Ms. Vartanian seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- b) Amazings Grace provided new house rules and a new brochure, which clarifies that all clients taking medication are advised of pertinent information about the medications they take. Ms. McKeever-Davis motioned to accept the revised house rules and brochure as written; Ms. Parker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VI. Affiliate Reports

- Savannah's House
- Triumph Residential
- Jireh House, LLC (submitted reports; not able to attend meeting)
- Empowerment Clinical Consulting Services
- FamMat Services, LLC (not present; no report submitted)
- Gateway Homes (not present; no report submitted)
- Specialized Youth Services of Va., Inc.
- Poplar Springs Hospital
- River City Residences
- Amazings Grace

- Simms Children Assistance Services (awaiting licensing approval)
- A & C Alternative Care, LLC
- DBS Family Services, Inc.
- R.E.A.P., LLC (not present; no report submitted)
- CVA Family Services (We Care Residential)

Ms. Vartanian motioned to accept the reports presented; Ms. Parker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VII. Advocate's Report

- a) Ms. Flowers advised the committee and affiliates that the Office of Human Rights has experienced structural changes within the department and there are vacant positions currently. To cover the gaps in oversight across, Ms. Flowers is obligated to work out of Eastern State Hospital one day per week.

VIII. Closed Session

There was no closed session during this meeting.

IX. Other Business

- a) Meeting date schedule remains the same currently with upcoming meetings on August 11, 2010, and October 13, 2010.

X. Adjournment

- a) Ms. McKeever-Davis motioned to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Vartanian seconded the motion. Motion carried. The LHRC meeting was adjourned at 3:50pm.