

Petersburg Regional
Local Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2011

Committee Members Present:

Ms. Marie Parker, LHRC Member
Mr. Michael Nichols, LHRC Chair
Ms. Kathy Tierney, LHRC Member Applicant

Committee Members Absent

Ms. Isabel Vartanian, LHRC Member
Ms. Michaelae-McKeever-Davis, LHRC Member
Mr. Steven Watkins, LHRC Member

Affiliate Members Present:

Ms. Kimberly Lindblad, Specialized Youth Services of Virginia, Inc.,
LHRC staff support and Affiliate
Ms. Literia Jones, Triumph Residential Services, LHRC Affiliate
Ms. Tamika Myrick, Triumph Residential Services, LHRC Affiliate
Mr. Lola Shodeinde, Amazings Grace, LHRC Affiliate
Ms. Margaret Gwynn, A & C Alternative Care, LLC, LHRC Affiliate
Ms. Ramona Strickland, Poplar Springs Hospital, LHRC Affiliate
Mr. Elijah Freeman, We Care Residential Services, LLC, LHRC Affiliate
Ms. Wilma Mullins, DBS Family Services, LHRC Affiliate
Ms. Shammona Miller, DBS Family Services, LHRC Affiliate
Ms. Lauren Wray, Gateway Homes, LHRC Affiliate
Ms. Tanisha Green, Jireh House, LLC, LHRC Affiliate
Mr. Rudi Jackson, ECCS, LHRC Affiliate
Mr. Mario Haskett, Y.E.A., LHRC Affiliate
Mr. Ron Wallace, River City Residences, LLC, LHRC Affiliate
Mr. Jonathan Wallace, River City Residences, LLC, LHRC Affiliate

Affiliate Members Absent:

Mr. James Montoria, Simms Children Assistance Services, LHRC Affiliate
Mr. Kenneth Heath, FamMat Services, LLC, LHRC Affiliate
Ms. Eunice Blackwell, Savannah's House, LHRC Affiliate

Others Present:

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

I. Call to Order

a) Mr. Nichols called the meeting to order at 2:39pm.

II. Approval of the Minutes

- a) The committee reviewed the minutes from the February, 2011 and April, 2011 meetings. Ms. Parker motioned to accept the minutes as written. Ms. Tierney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

III. Public Comments

No public comments.

IV. New Business

No new business.

V. Old Business

Minutes from the April 6, 2011 sub-committee meeting were reviewed to ensure there was clarity for all affiliates. Meetings will still be held four times per year, however the affiliate group will be broken down into two smaller groups wherein each affiliate will attend two meetings per year, unless otherwise requested by the committee members for some specific reason. Affiliates will still be required to submit their quarterly reports in time for each meeting (schedule is available in the minutes from the meeting). The committee should have seven members. We are in need of two consumers currently. Most of the required changes are due to the fact that there is no longer a cap on the number of affiliates who can join any one committee and the State is requiring that there be no new committees, as over site of the same is limited due to the decreased number of OHR personnel. Affiliates to the PR-LHRC will begin paying dues as of the new fiscal year. Monies (\$100 per affiliate) should be submitted to the newly elected Treasurer or the Co-Treasurer anytime between July 1, 2011 and the next committee meeting to be held on August 10, 2011. Ms. Ramona Strickland of Poplar Springs Hospital was elected to be the Treasurer. Wilma Mullins of DBS Family Services was elected Co-Treasurer. A bank account will be established in the name of the Petersburg Regional Affiliate Account wherein all due should be deposited.

VI. Affiliate Reports

- Savannah's House (absent)*
- Triumph Residential Services
- 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
- Simms Children Assistance Services*
- A & C Alternative Care, LLC
- DBS Family Services, Inc.
- Youth Excel and Advancement (Y.E.A.)
- We Care Residential Services

*Ms. Flowers will check on the status of Savannah’s House, Simms Children Assistance Services, and FamMat Services, LLC; these programs were not present to submit program reports during the meeting.

Ms. Parker requested that Poplar Springs Hospital (PSH) amend their last program report to reflect information about their provisional license that was issued some months ago (January or February of 2011). PSH can submit this information at the August, 2011 meeting.

Ms. Parker motioned to accept the program reports presented. Ms. Tierney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VII. Advocate’s Report

Ms. Flowers reiterated that affiliates must work harder to recruit members; the committee is in need of two consumers for the committee. SHRC will, during the new fiscal year, begin reviewing membership requirements and committees’ adherence to the same over six month periods. If a committee is not able to, over time, adhere to the membership requirements, the SHRC will require that the committee be dismantled and require that affiliates affiliate with a different committee. Consumer or former consumer members need to have received mental health or ID services within the last five years. Ms. Flowers has applications; inquiries should be

forwarded to her via email or by calling her office. Prospective committee members will be interviewed by the local committee and must then be approved by SHRC. Affiliates and members discussed strategies to identify/secure new members. Mr. Jackson and Mr. Nichols both have candidates in mind.

VIII. Closed Session

Ms. Parker made a motion to move into Closed Session; Ms. Tierney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

IX. Other Business

- a) Meetings are scheduled for the 2011 year on August 10, 2011, and October 12, 2011. Meetings scheduled to be held during the 2012 year will occur as follows: February 8, 2012, May 9, 2012, August 8, 2012, and October 10, 2012.

X. Adjournment

- a) Mr. Nichols made a motion to close meeting. Ms. Parker seconded the motion. Motion carried. The LHRC meeting was adjourned at 4:10pm.

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