

**Petersburg Regional**  
**Local Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**February 13, 2008**

**Committee Members Present:**

Dr. Lee Ann Binger, LHRC Member  
Isabel Vartanian, LHRC Member

**Committee Members Absent:**

John Vartanian, LHRC Member  
Sharlene Brown, LHRC Member

**Affiliate Members Present:**

James Sydnor, Savannah's House, LHRC Affiliate  
LaShanda Powell, Triumph Residential Services, LHRC Affiliate  
Victoria Gbadebo, Amazings Grace, LLC., LHRC Affiliate  
Linda Wallace, River City Residences, LLC., LHRC Affiliate  
Ronald Wallace, River City Residences, LLC., LHRC Affiliate  
Catherine Harrison, Jireh House, LLC., LHRC Affiliate  
Rudi Jackson, Empowerment Clinical Consulting Services, LHRC Affiliate  
Ti'Juana Gholson, FamMat Services, LLC., LHRC Affiliate  
Lawrence Gholson, FamMat Services, LLC., LHRC Affiliate  
Lynda Hyatt, Gateways Homes, LHRC Affiliate  
Kimberly Lindblad, Specialized Youth Services of Virginia, Inc., LHRC staff support and Affiliate  
Jerry von Poks, Poplar Springs Hospital, LHRC Affiliate

**Affiliate Members Absent:**

None

**Others Present:**

James Bowser, Regional Advocate, Office of Human Rights  
Carrie Flowers, Residential Advocate, Office of Human Rights  
Michael McKeever-Davis, MSN, RN, LHRC Member Candidate  
Michael Nichols, LHRC Member Candidate

**I. Call to Order**

- a) Dr. L. Binger called the meeting to order at 6pm.

**II. Approval of the minutes**

- a) Due to lack of quorum, minutes could not be approved.

### **III. Public Comments**

- a) There were no public comments.

### **IV. New Business**

- i. Ms. Catherine Harrison of Jireh House requested affiliation of Jireh House, LLC. II, which has now been approved through licensure to operate business. Due to lack of quorum, action could not be taken on this request.
- ii. Mr. Bowser again encouraged LHRC Affiliates to seek candidates for the LHRC Board. Mr. Bowser discussed the eligibility requirement for LHRC Board member applicants.

### **V. Old Business**

- a) There was no old business to be discussed.

### **VI. Advocate Report**

- a) The next meeting was set for March 14, 2008. Ms. Flowers has been assigned responsibility for the Petersburg Regional LHRC and all providers affiliated with this committee effective that date. Mr. Bowser may still attend, but Ms. Flowers will be the Advocate officially for this committee from that date forward.
- b) Mr. Bowser reported on the formation of a new LHRC in Richmond, the Capitol Area Local Human Rights Committee, to serve new/additional Affiliates in the region.
- c) Mr. Bowser again advised the Affiliates of their responsibility to recruit additional committee members.
- d) Mr. Bowser advised the Affiliates of their responsibility for their practices to be in compliance with the new regulations effective immediately. Additionally, Affiliates are to send a letter to Margaret Walsh by March 1, 2008, certifying that policies and procedures have been revised to be in compliance with the new regulations. The Affiliate is also to send all policies and procedures with human rights implications to Mr. Bowser at the Office of Human Rights by March 1, 2008.

### **V. Affiliate Reports**

- Savannah's House
- Triumph Residential
- River City Residences

- Jireh House
- Empowerment Clinical and Consulting Services-reported on personnel changes
- FamMat Services, LLC
- Gateway Homes
- Specialized Youth Services of Va., Inc.
- Poplar Springs Hospital
- Amazings Grace

A motion to accept the Affiliate reports was deferred because of a lack of quorum.

## **VI. 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 interviewing a candidate for appointment to the Local Human Rights Committee. Members present voted to recommend Ms. Michaela McKeever-Davis, MSN, RN, for appointment to the Petersburg Regional LHRC.
- 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.

## **VII. Other Business**

- a) There was no other business discussed.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

- a) The LHRC meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm. The next regularly scheduled LHRC meeting will be held on May 14, 2008 at 6:00pm in the Poplar Springs Hospital private dining room. Dinner will be served at 5:30pm.