

Petersburg Regional
Local Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2008

Committee Members Present:

Dr. Lee Ann Binger, LHRC Member
Isabel Vartanian, LHRC Member
John Vartanian, LHRC Member
Michaele McKeever-Davis, LHRC Member

Affiliate Members Present:

James Sydnor, Savannah's House, LHRC Affiliate
Darnessa Allen, 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
Daniel Herr, Gateways Homes, LHRC Affiliate
Kimberly Lindblad, Specialized Youth Services of Virginia, Inc., LHRC staff support and Affiliate
JosLynn Napper, 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 Nichols, LHRC Member Candidate
Steve Watkins, LHRC Member Candidate

I. Call to Order

- a) Dr. L. Binger called the meeting to order at 5:55pm.
- b) Dr. Binger made recommendation to make a change to the agenda to conduct New LHRC Member interviews at the early part of the meeting so that they could then be dismissed if they wished to leave. Isabel Vartanian made the motion and John Vartanian seconded the motion. The motion carried.

II. 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 candidates for appointment to the Local Human Rights Committee. Members present voted to recommend Mr. Mike Nichols and Mr. Steve Watkins for appointment to the Petersburg Regional LHRC. Isabel Vartanian motioned to approve Mr. Nichols and Mr. Watkins as members; John Vartanian seconded the motion. The motion carried. This recommendation/approval will go to SHRC in July of 2008. A motion was made to come out of Closed Session. 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.
- b) Roll Call: Isabel Vartanian, so certified; John Vartanian, so certified; Michaelae McKeever-Davis, so certified; Dr. LeAnn Binger, so certified.

III. Approval of the minutes

- a) Isabel Vartanian motioned to approve the minutes from the October meeting. Michaelae McKeever-Davis seconded the motion.
- b) Dr. LeAnn Binger recommended a correction be made to the February minutes meeting minutes; date for subsequent meeting was set for May 14, not March 14 as written. Isabel Vartanian motioned to approve the February minutes as corrected; John Vartanian seconded the motion. The motion carried.

IV. Public Comments

- a) There were no public comments.

V. New Business

- i. Mr. Rudy Jackson of EC requested to add new services, HIV/AIDS Case Management, Chemical Dependency Counseling, and Creating Wills. The question was raised regarding the licensing body for these services. Dr. Binger recommended the members be provided further information about this before taking action.

- 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.

VI. Old Business

- a. Ms. Catherine Harrison of Jireh House requested affiliation of Jireh House, LLC. II, which has now been approved through licensure to operate business. Isabel Vartanian made motion to approve the addition of this service; Michaelae McKeever-Davis seconded. All members approved and the motion carried
- b. Due to a lack of a quorum in October, the members discussed accepting the program reports provided by the affiliates in October. Isabel Vartanian made a motion to accept the October reports; John Vartanian seconded the motion. All members approved and the motion carried.
- c. Due to a lack of a quorum in February, the members discussed accepting the program reports provided by the affiliates in February. Isabel Vartanian made a motion to accept February reports; John Vartanian seconded the motion. All members approved and the motion carried.

VII. Advocate Report

- a. Blandford Manor and Poplar Springs have variances. They must both have their information into the OHR by the October meeting so the November deadline can be met. SHRC meets in early December.
- b. For the benefit of affiliates, Mr. Bowser reviewed how to properly complete the Affiliate Reporting form.

VIII. 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

IX. 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.
- c) 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.
- d) Roll Call: Isabel Vartanian, so certified; Dr. LeAnn Binger, so certified; John Vartanian, so certified; Michael McKeever Davis, so certified.

X. Other Business

- a) There was no other business discussed.

XI. Adjournment

- b) The LHRC meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm. The next regularly scheduled LHRC meeting will be held on August 13, 2008 at 6:00pm in the Poplar Springs Hospital private dining room. Dinner will be served at 5:30pm.