

Local Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes

8 February 2006

Present:

James Bowser, Regional Advocate, Office of Human Rights
Dr. Lee Ann Binger, LHRC Member
Betty Velez, LHRC Member
Morris Jones, LHRC Member
John Vartanian, LHRC Member
Isabel Vartanian, LHRC Member
Sharlene Dandridge, LHRC Member
Bill James, Specialized Youth Services
Jay Quarles, Savannah's House
Daniel Herr, Gateway Homes
Jerry von Poks, Poplar Springs Hospital

I. Call to Order

- a) Dr. LeAnn Binger called the meeting to order at 1805 hrs.

II. Approval of the minutes

- a) The minutes were reviewed and a motion was made to approve the minutes for the October 12, 2005 LHRC meeting with noted changes to Section VI, subsection a.) :
“Central Virginia Southside Training Center” changed to “Southside Virginia Training Center. The motion was carried unanimously.

III. Public Comments

- a) There were no public comments

IV. New Business

- a) Election of new officers
 - i. The motion was made to nominate Mr. Morris Jones to Chairman, LHRC and Ms. Betty Velez as Co-Chairman, LHCR. Both members graciously

accepted the nomination for these positions and the motion was carried unanimously.

b) Presentation by Empowerment Clinical & Consulting Services, LLC.

- i. Dr. A. Carter and Ms. K. Ridley made a presentation on behalf of Empowerment Clinical & Consulting Services, LLC. for consideration of affiliation with the LHRC. Dr. Carter and Ms. Ridley entertained questions from LHRC Board Members regarding services provided by their organization. Motion was made to accept Empowerment Clinical & Consulting Services, LLC. for affiliation with the LHRC. The motion was carried unanimously.
- ii. It was requested that a copy of Empowerment Clinical & Consulting Services, LLC. Policies and Procedures as well as Program descriptions be mailed to LHRC Board Members for review prior to the May 10, 2006 LHRC meeting.

V. Old Business

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

VI. Advocate Report

- a) Mr. Bowser announced the resignation of Collette Ashiru as Patient Advocate for the Office of Human Rights.
- b) In compliance with the Commonwealth of Virginia's Rules and Regulations governing public bodies, Mr. Bowser advised that all public bodies must post their meeting minutes on the Internet available for public view. Approved meeting minutes are to be posted within three business days following scheduled meetings. Drafts of meeting minutes are to be posted within ten business days following scheduled meetings.
- c) Mr. Bowser will conduct training for Board Members prior to implementation on the May 10, 2006 LHRC meeting.

V. Affiliate Report

- a) Specialized Youth Services-presented report for program
- b) Poplar Springs Hospital- presented report for program
- c) Gateway Homes- presented report for program
 - i. Personnel changes were announced
- d) Savannah's House- presented report for program

VI. Closed Session

- a) A motion was made and passed that the LHRC go into Executive Session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 for the protection of the privacy on individuals and their records and personal matters no related to public business.
- 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: Betty Velez, so certified; Isabel Vartanian, so certified; John Vartanian, so certified; Sharlene Dandridge, so certified; Morris Jones, so certified; Dr. LeAnn Binger, so certified.

VII. Other Business

- a) All present LHRC Members provided updated and current contact information.

VIII. Adjournment

- a) The LHRC meeting was adjourned at 2020 hrs. The next regularly scheduled LHRC meeting will be held on 10 May 2006 at 1800 hrs in the Poplar Springs Hospital private dining room.