

**Portsmouth Regional Local Human Rights Committee**  
**Final Minutes**

**Meeting Date: May 8, 2009**

**Committee Attendance**

Mr. Stewart Prost, Human Rights Advocate  
Ms. Sherri McGriff, Chairperson  
Ms. Janniell Harper-Youngblood  
Ms. Marietta Cottingham  
Mr. Brain Whitley, Human Rights Advocate  
Absent: Mr. Mark Scott.  
Excused: Mr. Reginald Daye, Regional Advocate

**Affiliate Attendance**

Faith, Hope and Charity: Rep. Kenneth Moody  
Blue Ridge Residential Services: Reps. Richard Gilman, Kelly Murphy  
Phoenix Aspiration System of Care: Reps. Joseph Hector, Jerome Council  
Shepherds Lodge: Reps. Debbie Coley, Valerie Guess  
AA&G Group Homes: Reps. Gwendolyn McCoy, Angelieve McCoy  
Virginia Beach Methadone Clinic: Rep. Chris Fontana  
Child of God Group Homes: Reps. Kendrick McKnight, Christine McKnight, Deborah Bell  
Intercept Youth Services: Reps. Arlette Assevero, Eric Walton  
FamMat Services: Rep. Tijuana Gholson  
Dominion Services for all People: Reps. Gail Gay, Diana Strain

**Chairman Opened Meeting      Time 9:10 am**

**Agenda** A move was made to adopt the agenda and it was properly seconded and approved by committee.

**Chairman's Opening Remarks**

None

**Public Comment**

There were no representatives from the public. No comments were made.

**Remarks from Human Rights Advocate** Mr. Prost informed the committee and affiliates that he and Mr. Whitley were attending the meeting on Mr. Daye's behalf. Mr. Prost reported that Mr. Whitley was hired at the end of March to replace Gianna Mitchell. Mr. Whitley is in training and will be assisting new providers in the future. Mr. Prost spoke about the Department's site reviews. He stated they have been very busy with new Providers. Mr. Prost reminded the committee and the affiliates that they still need a consumer on the committee. The requirements are that the person has received mental health services or services for intellectual disabilities in the past five years. He also made the committee and affiliates aware that the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services (DMHMRSAS) were undergoing a name change to be effective July 1, 2009. The new name will be Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Services. The agency is eliminating "Mental Retardation-MR" from its department name. The state facility (SEVTC) will not close. It will be downsized to seventy-five residents. They have received funding for community based intermediate care facilities and six waiver homes.

### **Reading, correction and approval of previous meeting's minutes**

The minutes for February 6, 2009 were read. One correction was made, and the minutes were approved by the committee with the said correction.

**Treasurer's report** There was no activity to the account for the quarter. The current amount in the account is \$3,533.89. A report was submitted to the committee and the affiliates by Mr. Gilman from Blue Ridge Residential Services.

### **Affiliate Status Reports**

Issues, for the purposes of this committee include complaints, restraints, seclusions, allegations of abuse or neglect, and serious incidents or injuries.

### **Faith Hope and Charity**

Current census is 9. No admits or discharges. There were no issues.

### **Blue Ridge Residential Services**

Current census 68, Sponsored residential has 66 individuals and In home has 2 individuals. Admissions 3. Discharges 2, 1 death, 1 formal complaint. Allegations of abuse 1. Provider to stay for closed session. Serious incidents 8.

<b>New Locations for Temporary Affiliation</b>					
Location Name	Address	City	Zip	Affiliation Request	Sponsor Name
Beautiful Street	1172 Beautiful Street	Virginia Beach	23451	Temporary	
Calico Court	904 Calico Court	Chesapeake	23322	Temporary	
Chesterbrook Drive	1412 Chesterbrook Dr	Virginia Beach	23464	Temporary	
Grove Avenue	9614 Grove Ave	Norfolk	23503	Temporary	
John Tyler Hwy	4675 John Tyler Hwy	Williamsburg	23185	Temporary	
Longleaf Court	2516 Longleaf Ct	Virginia Beach	23454	Temporary	
Meklen Lane	1109 Meklen Lane	Virginia Beach	23464	Temporary	
Myers Court	118 A Myers Court	Tabb	23693	Temporary	
Robert E Lee Drive	210 Robert E Lee Drive	North	23128	Temporary	
South Carrington Crescent	1211 South Carrington Crescent	Portsmouth	23701	Temporary	

<b>Temporary Locations to move to Permanent Affiliation</b>					
Location Name	Address	City	Zip	Affiliation Request	Sponsor Name
Ardmore Lane	4620 Ardmore Lane	Virginia Beach	23456	PERM	
Berry Ridge Lane	220 Berry Ridge Lane	Suffolk	23435	PERM	
Bishops Court	108 Bishops Court	Chesapeake	23322	PERM	
Old Virginia Beach Road	1537 Old Virginia Beach Road	Virginia Beach	23454	PERM	
Waterside Drive	1504 Waterside Drive	Chesapeake	23320	PERM	

### Locations to Continue Temporary Affiliation

Location Name	Address	City	Zip	Affiliation Request	Sponsor Name
15th Street	968 15th Street	Newport News	23607	Temporary	
Ashwood Drive I	302 Ashwood Drive	Suffolk	23434	Temporary	
Ashwood Drive II	4 Ashwood Drive	Hampton	23666	Temporary	
Beechmont Drive	127 Beechmont Drive	Newport News	23608	Temporary	
Breezeport Way	4005 Breezeport Way	Suffolk	23435	Temporary	
Braddock Landing Road	3205 Braddock Landing Road	Chesapeake	23321	Temporary	
Burbage Landing Circle	6710 Burbage Landing Circle	Suffolk	23435	Temporary	
Chesterfield Loop	2153 Chesterfield Loop	Chesapeake	23323	Temporary	
College Run Drive	560 College Run Drive	Surry	23883	Temporary	
Decatur Street	58 Decatur Street	Portsmouth	23702	Temporary	
Harrison Street	408 Harrison Street	Hampton	23669	Temporary	
Hillock Crossing	1183 Hillock Crossing	Virginia Beach	23455	Temporary	
Hull Drive	20 Hull Drive	Hampton	23661	Temporary	
Knells Ridge	441 Knells Ridge Drive	Chesapeake	23320	Temporary	
Lakeview Drive	4151 Lakeview Drive	Chesapeake	23323	Temporary	
Monument Drive II	2008 Monument Drive	Virginia Beach	23464	Temporary	
Monument Drive III	2013 Monument Drive	Virginia Beach	23464	Temporary	
Otley Lane	326 Otley Lane	Hampton	23669	Temporary	
Rogers Avenue	340 Rogers Avenue	Norfolk	23505	Temporary	
Ryan's Way	103 Ryan's Way	Yorktown	23693	Temporary	
Sangaree Circle	1425 Sangaree Circle	Virginia Beach	23464	Temporary	
Sandy Woods Lane	2289 Sandy Woods Lane	Virginia Beach	23456	Temporary	
Smoke Tree Lane	1033 Smoke Tree Lane	Virginia Beach	23452	Temporary	
Sweet Gum Ct. II	3713 Sweet Gum Ct	Virginia Beach	23456	Temporary	
Winterberry Lane	3076 Winterberry Lane	Virginia Beach	23453	Temporary	
Woodland Drive	2805 Woodland Drive	Norfolk	23504	Temporary	

### Discontinued Locations

Location Name	Address	City	Zip	Affiliation Request	Sponsor Name
14th Bay Street	9538 14th Bay Street	Norfolk	23518	Discontinue	
Adams Circle	1529 Adams Circle	Hampton	23663	Discontinue	
Captains Lane	110 Captains Lane	Newport News	23602	Temporary	
Gladiola Crescent	1141 Gladiola Crescent	Virginia Beach	23453	Discontinue	
Riva Ridge Rd	1302 Riva Ridge Rd	Virginia Beach	23454	Discontinue	
Sunny Court	21103 Sunny Court	Cheriton	23316	Discontinue	

\*\* Note: These homes are being permanently affiliated at this meeting, as they intend to move into them shortly following permanent affiliation. Committee is NOT discontinuing their current locations at this meeting, in case the moves do not occur as planned.

Mr. Prost reported that the home on Captains Lane was affiliated with another provider and the home cannot have permanent affiliation with two providers at the same time. Blue Ridge will follow up with the provider for clarification. The home at 110 Captains Lane, Newport News, VA 23602 was not granted affiliation. Blue Ridge requested to remove the sponsors' names from the list in order to maintain their privacy. Mr. Prost and the committee agreed that would be appropriate. However, the committee did not have to vote on this request. Blue Ridge requested temporary affiliation for the providers listed under "New Locations"; Permanent Affiliation for the providers listed under "Temporary Locations"; Continued Temporary Affiliation for the providers listed under "Locations to continue Temporary Affiliation" and discontinue affiliation for the providers listed under "Discontinued Locations". Please note that 110 Captains Lane Newport News, VA was added to the list of Discontinued Locations. The committee motioned and approved the requests as stated.

### **Dominion Services for all People**

February 2009 report: Current census 9. Admissions 3. Discharges 0. Restraints 14. No other issues. May 2009 report: Census 5 Discharges 3. Restraints 3. 1 AWOL. Provider to stay for closed session. Provider reported that so much was going on in February that she forgot about the meeting. Ms. Gay requested reinstatement of permanent status. The motion was made, moved and approved by committee.

### **Phoenix Aspiration System of Care**

Census 7. No admits or discharges. Complaints 1. No other issues. 3 vacancies. Provider to stay for closed session.

### **Shepherds Lodge**

Census 4. No admits, discharges 1. Allegations of abuse 1. No other issues. Provider to stay for closed session.

### **AA&G Group Homes**

Census 9. Admissions 1. No discharges. Allegations of abuse 1. Provider to stay for closed session. Committee motioned and approved continued temporary affiliation for Day Support Program at 2914 High Street, Portsmouth, Va. 23701.

### **Virginia Beach Methadone Clinic**

Census 225. Admissions 56. Discharges 39. No other issues. Provider requests continued temporary affiliation for Williamsburg Behavioral Health Clinic at 461 McLaws Circle, Williamsburg, Va. The committee motioned and approved request.

### **FamMat Services.**

Census 26 Admissions 6. No discharges. No other issues.

Provider to attend closed session for follow up on previous incident.

Provider apprised the committee that FamMat plans to move to another LHRC. Once they become affiliated with the James City Regional LHRC, in Newport News, VA., they will terminate their affiliation with the PRLHRC. Until then, the program will continue its affiliation with the PRLHRC.

### **Child of God Group Homes**

Census 5. Admits 0. discharges 0. No other issues.

### **Intercept Youth Services**

Census 5. Admissions 1. Discharges 1. No other issues.

### **Old Business**

None

10:05 AM\_ Five minute Break

**New Business**

10:10 AM Committee voted to go into closed session pursuant to Va. code 2.2-3711A for the purpose of discussing complaints, allegations of abuse and serious incidents with Shepherds Lodge, FamMat Services, AA&G Group Homes, Blue Ridge Residential Services, Dominion Services for all People and Phoenix Aspiration System of Care.

10:40 Committee voted to come out of closed session pursuant to Va. code 2.2-3711A. Each committee member so certified that only Complaints, allegations of abuse, and serious incidents were discussed with Shepherds Lodge, FamMat Services, AA&G Group Homes, Blue Ridge Residential Services, Dominion Services for all People and Phoenix Aspiration System of Care

**Committee Recommendations**

There were no recommendations for Shepherds Lodge, AA&G Group Homes, Blue Ridge Residential Services and Phoenix Aspiration System of Care.

FamMat: Provider reported that they have not received any recommendations from the office of licensure related to the park incident. Therefore committee has no recommendations for them at this time. Provider is to follow up with Mr. Daye's office and the office of licensure. They also must follow up with the next LHRC committee they are affiliated with; James City Regional LHRC, or PRLHRC, if applicable.

Dominion Services for all People: Committee recommends the alarm system include all windows as well as doors. Provider to follow up with committee at next meeting on status of alarm system.

**Next Meeting Date and Place** August 7, 2009 at 9 AM at 2914 High Street, Portsmouth, Va. 23707.

**Refreshments to be provided by** Blue Ridge Residential Services

**Meeting Adjournment Time** 10:50 AM

Respectfully submitted,  
Deborah Bell  
Secretary/liaison