

METRO RICHMOND  
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE (LHRC)  
October 15, 2008  
Richmond Behavioral Health Authority  
107 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
5:30pm

Draft Minutes

**Committee Members Present:** Linda M. Patterson, Chair; Shontay Harris, James Wallace and MacKay M. Boyer

**Committee Members Absent:** Elliott Cox, Vice- Chair,

**Staff Support:** Laura L. Nguyen RBHA

**Staff Support Absent:** James O. Bowser (Advocate, DMHMRSAS Office of Human Rights)

**Affiliate members Present:** Regina Edwards Harris **Faith Residential**, John Netto and Chris Brown **J & D Residential Services**, Carolyn Trimmer **RAARC**, Ann Bevan and Dan Llewellyn **NHS**, Nicole Pries **Child Savers**, Denise Holland **HRI**, Gloria Yocum and Melissa Ouelette, **Metro Treatment of Virginia** Theresa Watkins **Generation X-Cel**, Laura Nguyen **RBHA**, Sandy Bridvig and Healthier Rose **Cumberland Hospital**

**Affiliate Members Absent:** **Bon Secours Richmond Community Hospital**

**Others Present:** Wilson Washington CEO RBHA,

**I. Welcome/Call to Order:**

Mrs. Patterson, called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm welcoming all to the Metro Richmond LHRC meeting, and opened the floor for comments. Introductions were shared however, there were no community comments

**II. Review of Minutes:**

The minutes from the August 20, 2008 LHRC meeting were approved as submitted  
Mrs. Patterson informed members that *LHRC Minutes may be found on the DMHMRSAS website*

<http://www.dmhmrzas.virginia.gov/>

**III. Affiliate Presentations:**

Human Rights Activity Reports were received and accepted from the following affiliate providers:

- Faith Residential
- Generation X-Cel
- Human Resources
- J & D Residential Services
- Child Savers
- Metro Treatment of Virginia
- Northwestern Human Services (NHS) Ann Bevan reported that the following programs will be closing New Directions in Petersburg and Home Share (12-1-08)
- RAARC
- RBHA
- Bon Secours Community Hospital (Absent to give oral report)

**IV. Old Business:**

Linda Patterson presented a training proposal on behalf of Lisa Poe of the LHRC Ad Hoc training Committee. Bill Lightfoot, is available to present a day long workshop; *Violence Against Persons with Disabilities, Investigative Techniques with Practical Applications in November* for the affiliates of the Metro Richmond LHRC. The training will be held from 8:30-5:00 pm in November at the Richmond Ambulance Authority Building on Old Hermitage Rd. The training proposal was accepted and information will be sent to all Metro Richmond affiliates.

**V. New Business:**

A lively discussion ensued as a result of two Affiliates reporting having recently terminated employment of two individuals due to findings of abuse towards persons in their programs. Providers expressed a general consensus that it is very difficult to determine if staff have a record of abusive behavior. Several providers related this is a huge problem and would like for actions to be explored around potential resolutions to making this information available to stop the revolving door of abuse.

**VI.** Adjournment: 6:45pm

**VII.** Meeting Dates: December 10, 2008