

METRO RICHMOND
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE (LHRC)
October 17, 2007
Richmond Behavioral Health Authority
107 South 5th Street
5:30p

Draft Minutes

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

Committee Members Absent: Elliott Cox, Vice-Chair

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

Affiliate members Present: Ann F. Bevan, **NHS Human Services**; Carolyn Trimmer, **RAARC**; John Netto, **J&D Residential**; Regina Edward Harris, **Faith Residential**; Theresa Watkins, **Generation X-Cel**; Karen Rose, Human Resources; Nicole Pries, **Memorial Child Guidance Clinic**; Gloria Yocum, **Metro Treatment of VA**; Laura Mc Donald, **RBHA**; David Schwemer, **Richmond Community Hospital**; Jennifer Jerrigan **VTCC**; Samara Gracia and Denise Campbell, **Divine Residential**; Simone Harris and Valarie Taylor, **Community Residences and Mariilyn Monrae Hill Sierras Life**
Affiliate members Absent: Adult Day Services of South Richmond

Others Present: Londella Hamilton

I. Welcome/Call to Order

They meeting was brought to order at 5:40p. Ms. Patterson welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted that all comments for the affiliates are welcome as long as they are done in a respectful way. She reminded affiliates that only committee members had voting privileges.

II. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

III. Review of Minutes

A motion was made by MacKay Boyer to approve the minutes from the August 15, 2007 LHRC meeting as submitted and seconded by James Wallace.

IV. DMHMRSAS OHR Report from James Bowser

Human Rights Regulations Training for the LHRC members occurred on September 14th. Provider training will be offered in various locations across the state of Virginia and will also occur via video conferencing. Richmond will have two trainings: October 30th, which is full and Nov 15th at Henrico CSB. Mr. Bowser noted that the OHR will continue training as long as needed to ensure that everyone that needs to get it will be able to. Letters were sent from the Department with the training schedule as well as a DVD noting the changes in the regulations.

Mr. Bower went on to discuss the implementation schedule related to the need for providers to come into compliance with the new regulations that were effective on 9/19/07. Providers will have from 9/19/07 to December 1st to revise their current human rights plans to ensure compliance with the new human rights regulations. Providers are not required to submit their plans for review to the advocates as with the past revision of regulations. By 3/1/08, each provider will have to certify in writing to Margaret

Walsh with the Office of Human Rights that their agency's plan is in compliance with the new regulations. Mr. Bowser noted that there may be reviews by human rights of those plans and if they are not in compliance, there may be citations.

V. Affiliate Presentations

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

- Faith Residential- *will be opening a new program*
- Generation X-Cel- *also reviewed their behavior management policy and procedures per request of the committee. James Wallace moved to accept the policy and Shontay Harris seconded.*
- Human Resources
- J&D Residential
- Memorial Child Guidance Clinic- *will be changing their name to Child Savers although the financial entity will remain the same*
- Metro Treatment of VA
- NHS Human Services
- RAARC
- RBHA
- Richmond Community Hospital
- Divine Residential Services- *Attended as they were no present at the last meeting, Opening a new home, licensing has approved their policies, the committee has asked that they return to the December meeting so that they can review the information present to them and Mr. Bowser has time to confer with the Licensing specialist.*

Other

- Community Residences- *Present to present a supportive behavioral plan for review; they will be providing 1:1 supports to an individual; Motion was made by James Wallace to accept the plan as long as it was not restrictive and seconded by Shontay Harris.*

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

Ms. Patterson made the affiliates aware that there was approximately an \$11,000 balance in the current LHRC account. This is more than sufficient to meet the current budgetary needs of the committee. Mr. Bowser recommended a "fee holiday" as a suggestion while Ms. Patterson offered a celebration for the affiliates and committee members as an idea. Consideration was given to both ideas with those present and determined that in moderation both could be considered. The Fee Holiday will affect all affiliates for the coming year and the celebration will most likely occur in February.

VIII. Adjournment: 7:37pm

IX. Meeting Dates

Wednesday, December 12, 2007 at 5:30p at RBHA

Respectfully Submitted, Ann Bevan