

RICHMOND TRI CITIESLOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEEMEETING MINUTES

**Group A
May 15, 2012**

Hosted by: Changing Fazes Youth and Family Services, Inc. 2025 East Main Street, Richmond, VA 23223

Committee Members Present: Tarah Comer

Committee Members Absent: Donna Edmondson, Veronica Harper-Thweatt, Janet Mitchell, Jimmy Christmas

Others Present: Michael Curseen- Regional Advocate, Walter “Buddy” Small- Human Rights Advocate

Affiliates Present (Group A): Acclaim Care, Alternative, Between the T’s, Changing Fazes, Edgewood, Faith and Family Advocates, Family Transitions, Good Neighbor, Halo, Hope Unity and Freedom

Affiliates Present (Group B): Solace Health Care Group

- I. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by Tarah Comer at 5:35 pm.
- II. **Introduction:** Introductions were made from LHRC members and all of the providers.
- III. **Public Comments:** No public comments given.
- IV. **Old Business:**
 1. **Approval of Minutes:** January 17, 2012; February 8, 2012
 - a. No corrections

V. **New Business:**

1. **Request for Affiliation (Program Expansion) Re: Good Neighbor Homes for additional residential location at 6303 River Road Richmond, Va. 23229 for the Provision of ID/ MR, adult/ geriatric, and male/female clients.- Ms. Ashley Kemnitz, Operations Director.**

- a. This program would service male and female adults age 18 and over, with intellectual disabilities who meet Medicaid Criteria for Residential Placement. The proposed home will exist on River Road in the Richmond area and will service a maximum of 6 residents, with a 1:3 staff to resident ration.

2. Request for Affiliation Re: Guardian Residential Services, Inc. for the Provision of in-home Residential Support for Individuals with Developmental Disability & Intellectual Disability- Mr. John T. Redd III CEO.

- a. This program would service male and female adults age 18 and over, with Developmental Disabilities & Intellectual Disabilities who meet criteria for placement.

Action: The committee deferred any action. A special meeting will be scheduled by LHRC to make a decision, thereafter, Program Director and CEO will be notified.

VI. Revised Meeting Dates and Reporting Months Schedule: The committee discussed the order in which the upcoming LHRC meetings will be held. The committee also discussed issues with agencies not sending Quarterly Reports in a timely manner. Buddy Small spoke about recommending citation by licensure if reports are not submitted on time and for group that are absent from LHRC meetings.

VII. Election of Officers: Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary: Will be done at a later date.

VIII. Quarterly Reports Review of Periods January 1, 2012- March 31, 2012

1. Acclaim Care, Inc.- Reviewed; corrections provided
2. Alternative Counseling Group- Report Reviewed
3. Between the T's- Report Reviewed
4. Changing Fazes- Report Reviewed
5. Edgewood Group and Family Services- Reviewed; corrections provided
6. Faith & Family Advocates- Report Reviewed
7. Family Impact-
8. Family Transitions- Received and reviewed on the day of LHRC meeting
9. Good Neighbor- Reviewed; corrections provided
10. HALO Inc.- Report Reviewed
11. Hope, Unity, & Freedom- Reviewed; corrections provided
12. Solace Health Care Group, Inc- No report submitted
13. Safe Haven Inc.- Report Received
14. Renewing Family Services, Inc- Report Received
15. Open Arms Family Services- Report Received
16. Mercy 'N' Grace Residential Services- Report Received
17. Lumzy's Residential Services- Report Received
18. Life Construction- Report Received
19. Taylor's Enhanced Living- Report Received
20. Transitional Adult Residential Care- Report Received
21. Wilkerson's Consulting Services- Report Received
22. Substance Abuse Consulting Services, Inc- Report Received
23. Youth Pathway, LLC-

IX. Secretary's Report: All Group A Providers were in attendance as well as Solace Health Care Group, Inc of Group B.

X. Office of Human Rights Comments:

1. Walter "Buddy" Small spoke to the importance of identifying the differences of abuse, and neglect.
2. Walter "Buddy" Small also clarified Peer to Peer neglect to give a better understanding of how it should be documented.

XI. Next Scheduled Meeting: July 17, 2012- Group B- Hosted by Renewing Services.

XII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:40 pm