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**Richmond Tri-Cities
Local Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2007**

Hosted by: Good Neighbor Homes

Location: The Jefferson Hotel, Richmond, VA

Committee Members present: Sebastian Symeoides, Christian Bennett, Tarah Comer, Otis Lockhart, and Lynn Robinson

Affiliates present: Lumzy's Together Adult Services (Brienne Jones, Laverne Lumzy, Carnie Lumzy); Faith and Family Advocates LLC (Tabeebab Abdul-Rahman, Deidre Whittle); Safe Haven, Inc. (Alonzo Dabney, John Basisile); Youth Pathways (Adolph Littleton, Brandy Barkins); Westlake Residential (Abby Dickson); Substance Abuse Consulting Services (Ron Smith); Life Construction (Eunice Gilchrist); Changing Fazes (Robyn Jennings, Ebony Sauls); Edgewood Group Family Services (Travis Crocker); Faith Partners Care Group (John Redd); Mercy N Grace Residential (Kehinde Dupe Ogunbunmi); Taylors Enhanced Living (Denise Taylor, Willie M. Brown, Mashelle McElrath); Halo Inc. (Tomeka Cobb); Hope Unity and Freedom (Georgina Simmons); Family Transitions (Franko Britt); Between the T's (Toney Mashore, Thomilla Wilson); Good Neighbor Homes (Pascal Theband, Matt Marek); Open Arms Family Services (Marchal Anderson); Family Impact Inc. (Steven Thompson); Transitional Adult Residential (Dorothy Warren, Linda Davis); Community Connections (Andre Brown, Troy Dean); and Isaiah's House (Tyrone Kidd)

Affiliates absent: Renewance Services, LLC

Others present: Mike Curseen, representing Jim Bowser, Regional Advocate

I. Welcome/Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Sebastian Symeonides at 6:20 pm.

II. Introductions

Members and affiliates gave introductions, providing program name and name of representative(s).

III. Public Comment

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. The minutes from the January 16, 2007 meeting were circulated. One correction was offered to the minutes.

1. Correct the name of 'Faith Partners' under *affiliates present* to the full name of 'Faith Partners Care Group'

B. A motion was made by Otis Lockhart, seconded by Christian Bennett, and unanimously passed to approve the minutes with the above correction.

V. Meeting Host Schedule

- A. John Redd circulated an updated list of affiliates. The affiliates identified in 'blue' will host upcoming meetings. Beginning in 2008, the host will rotate through the affiliate list alphabetically.

VI. Next Meeting Schedule

- A. Hope, Unity and Freedom will host the next meeting held on May 15, 2007.

VII. Human Rights Activities Reporting.

- A. The following affiliates reported their activities: Changing Fazes; Family Transitions, Inc.; Lumzy's Together Adult Services; Renewance Services, LLC; Faith Partners Care Group; Halo, Inc.; Mercy N Grace Residential; Safe Haven, Inc.; Substance Abuse Consulting Services; Westlake Residential; Youth Pathways; Beetwen the T's; Edgewood Group Family Services; Life Construction; Hope, Unity & Freedom; Open Arms Family Services; Taylor's Enhanced Living; Transitional Adult Residential; Wilkerson's Consulting; Community Connections; Faith & Family Advocates; Good Neighbor Homes; Isaiah's House; and Family Impact.
- B. The chairman requested for Halo, Inc. to report their November activities in the upcoming meeting due to an incomplete reporting form from the November meeting. Mr. Symeonides requested for Halo, Inc. to also mail a copy of the reporting form to each committee member prior to the next meeting.

VIII. New Business

- A. The chairman requested for affiliates to pick up a copy of the new activity reporting forms on the table on the way out of the meeting. Mr. Symeonides stated that there has been a change in the number of allegations and a change in section 2. This form should be used for future reportings.
- B. A copy of the Human Writes Newsletter will also be made available for pick-up after the meeting.

X. Adjournment

- A. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm by Sebastian Symeonides.