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

Hosted by: Substance Abuse Consulting Services

Location: Extra Billy's, Richmond, VA

Committee Members present: Sebastian Symeoides, Tarah Comer, and Otis Lockhart

Affiliates present: LaurAlex Residential Services (Aljamon Wills, Vernita Webber); Brookfield, Inc. (Tim Reading); Youth Pathways, LLC (Hannibal Tuck); Wilkerson's Consultants (Thomas Chase); Taylor's Enhanced Living (Kim Pate); Mercy-N-Grace (Deninez Moss); Faith Partners Care Group Inc. (Lisa Adkins, Courtney Adkins); Edgewood Group Family Services (Travis Crocker), Substance Abuse Consulting Services (Ron Smith); Life Construction Mental Health Services (Eunice Gilchrist), Halo Inc. (Reno Legros); Good Neighbor Homes (Jason Marek); Transitional Adult Residential Care (Myra Buie, Linda Davis); Between the T" (Toney Mashore, Thomilia Wilson); Hope Unity and Freedom (Georgina Simmons); Faith and Family Advocate (Wayne Whittle); Community Connections (Dorothy Love); Family Impact Inc. (Ruth Mattocks); Advanced Services for Kids (Yionne Campbell-Hamlett); Lumzy's Residential Services (Bnanne Jones, Earnie Lumzy, Laverne Lumzy); Safe Haven Inc. (Adesla Adeyemi, Grace Ilori); Family Transitions (Franko Britt); Alternative Counseling Group (Michael Thomes, Sam Northington); Open Arms Family Services, Inc. (Marchal Anderson); and Changing Fazes, Inc. (Ebony Sauls).

Affiliates absent: Acclaim Care Inc. and Renewance Services, LLC

Others present: Michael Curseen, Advocate

I. Welcome/Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Otis Lockhart at 6:25 pm.

II. Introductions

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

III. Public Comment

No public comment was given.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. The minutes from the September 18, 2007 meeting were circulated. No corrections were offered to the minutes.

B. A motion was made by Tarah Comer, seconded by Sebastian Symeoides, and unanimously passed to approve the minutes from the September meeting.

V. Old Business:

- A. The review of the expanded Rules of Conduct by Open Arms Family Services was approved at the previous meeting.
- B. The committee members did not receive a requested summary report from Lumzy's Residential Services regarding the specific allegations of abuse and follow-up investigation reported during the September LHRC Meeting. Therefore, this business was deferred until the next meeting.
- C. Brookfield's presentation will be deferred until the next meeting.

VI. New Business

- A. Request for Affiliation
 - 1. Family Transitions made a request for an additional program affiliation. A motion was made by Sebastian Symeoides and seconded by Tarah Comer. Family Transitions's request for affiliation for the additional program was accepted by the committee.
- B. The Revision to language concerning meeting attendance was deferred until the next meeting.
- C. Michael Curseen made a request for affiliates to assist in searching for volunteers to serve on the RTC LHRC. He stated that three of the four current members will be rotating off the committee in June, 2008. Mr. Curseen provided affiliates with flyers with information.

VII. Human Rights Activities Reporting.

- A. The following affiliates reported their activities: Between the T's, Changing Fazes; Community Connections; Edgewood Group Family Services; Faith and Family Advocates; Faith Partners Care Group; Family Impact; Family Transitions.; Good Neighbor Homes; Halo, Inc.; Hope Unity and Freedom; Life Construction; Lumzy's Residential Services; Open Arms Family Services; Safe Haven Inc.; Substance Abuse Consulting Services, Inc.; Taylor's Enhanced Living; Transitional Adult Residential Care; Wilkerson Consulting Services; and Youth Pathways; Advanced Services for Kids; Brookfield; LaurAlex; and Alternative Counseling Group.
- B. A motion was made by Tarah Comer and seconded by Sebastian Symeoides to accept the human rights activities reportings. The Reportings were accepted.

VIII. Next Meeting Host Schedule

Substance Abuse Consulting Services volunteered to host the November 20, 2007 meeting. In January of 2008, the committee will begin an alphabetical rotation of hosts beginning with Changing Fazes.

IX. Adjournment

D. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm by Otis Lockhart.