

**Richmond Tri-Cities  
Local Human Rights Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
May 19, 2009**

**Hosted by: All Family Matters**

**Location:** Shiloh Baptist Church – 2420 Venable Street, Richmond, VA 23230

**Committee Members Present:**

Tarah Comer-Chair; Jimmy Christmas-Vice Chair; Dona Edmondson-Committee Member; Veronica Thweatt-Secretary

**Others Present:**

Michael Curseen-Region IV Advocate

**Affiliated Members Present:**

Abby Dickson-**Acclaim Care Inc.**; Michael Thomas-**Alternative Counseling Group**; Thomlia Wilson-**Between The T's**; Ebony Sauls- **Changing Fazes**; Troy Dean-**Community Connections**; Travis Crocker-**Edgewood Group Family Services**; Wayne Whittle- **Faith & Family Advocates**; John T. Redd- **Faith Partners Care Group**; Tarnisha Carter- **Family Impact**; Franko Britt- **Family Transitions**; Matthew Marek-**Good Neighbor Homes**; Reno Legros- **Halo, Inc.**; Georgina L. Simmons- **Hope, Unity & Freedom**; Eunice B. Gilchrist- **Life Construction**; Laverne Lumzy, Earnie Lumzy, Brianne Jones- **Lumzy's Residential Services**; D. Moss- **Mercy 'N' Grace Residential Services, Inc.**; Joseph A. Kemp- **Open Arms Family Services**; Adeola Adeyemi- **Safe Haven Inc.**; Mashelle McElrath, La'Decia Williams - **Taylor's Enhanced Living**; Myra Buie, Linda Davis- **Transitional Adult Residential Services**; Thomas Chase- **Wilkerson's Consulting Services**; Rev. Gwendolyn Andrews – **Wise Enterprises**; Hannibal Tuck- **Youth Pathway, LLC**; Tim Reading- **Brookfield**; Aljanon C. Wills – **LaurAlex, LLC**; June Harvell- **Metro Area Support Services**; Sara George, Katy Garnett- **All Family Matters**

**Members Absent:** Renewance Services, LLC (excused); Substance Abuse Consulting Services, Inc.

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

Tarah Comer called the meeting to order @ 6:45 p.m.

**II. Introduction:**

Members and Affiliates gave introductions

**III. Approval of Minutes March 17, 2009:**

Vice Chair, Jimmie Christmas made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 17, 2009, Dona Edmondson seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

IV. **Old Business:**

1. Follow-up Halo Inc. - LHRC Requested Revision of Policy RE: Use of Security Cameras in Residential Setting for items # 8- 10:

- Halo, Incorporated provided a written report, discussing enhanced site security policy and procedure: Explained the policy and procedure regarding the use of the security camera. The security camera will be used in the residence to safeguard the health and safety of consumers and staff. These policies and procedure have been revised on the following dates: December 22, 2008, January 26, 2009, March 19, 2009, and May 19, 2009 by Harry Legros. Section # 11 was added to policy and procedures which states written consent from the executive director is required only for the purpose of determining and verifying the identity of the individuals authorized by policy to review the video segment. The LHRC motioned to approve the changes to the security camera policy.

2. Follow-up RE: Outstanding Affiliation Agreements:

- 1) **Community Connections**- None
- 2) **Edgewood Group Family Services**- report submitted
- 3) **Family Transitions**- report submitted
- 4) **Lumzy's Residential Services**- report submitted
- 5) **Renewance Services**- Absent/ no report
- 6) **Transitional Adult Residential Care**- report submitted

V. **New Business:**

1. Request for Affiliation (Program Expansion) Acclaim Care Inc. - Respite Services- A written report submitted. Request for program expansion to provide quality care services for all the residents they served. The program will provide temporary, periodic, or short-term relief or emergency placement to as an alternative to institutionalization.

(Dona Edmondson made a motion for approval of program expansion for Acclaim Care Inc., Jimmy Christmas seconded the motion and the motion was carried).

2. Request for Affiliation (Program Expansion) Good Neighbor Homes, Inc. - Mental Health Community Support Program: A written report submitted. Enclosed the Human Rights Policies for Mental Health Community Support Program and requested affiliation of services under its current affiliation with the Richmond/Tri-City LHRC. The program expansion is geared to help provide the adult MR population with a more independent lifestyle. The goal is to improve the lives of the clients by providing the supportive

services that are needed for them to be able to function at their highest level within society.

(Jimmie Christmas made a motion for approval for program expansion for Good Neighbor Homes, Inc., Dona Edmondson seconded the motion and the motion was carried).

3. Outstanding Annual Reports:
  - 1) **Community Connections**- None
  - 2) **Edgewood Group Family Services**- report submitted
  - 3) **Family Transitions**- report submitted
  - 4) **Lumzy's Residential Services**- report submitted
  - 5) **Renewance Services**- Absent/ no report
  - 6) **Transitional Adult Residential Care**- report submitted
  - 7) **Taylor's Enhanced Living**- report submitted
  - 8) **Wilkerson Consulting Services**- no report
  
4. Review of Attendance- May 19, 2009: 27 out of 29

VI. **Affiliate Presentation**

**\*Human Rights Activity Reports received and accepted from the following: (T= Temporary Affiliate):**

1. Acclaim Care, Incorporation
2. All Family Matters (T)
3. Alternative Counseling Group
4. Between the T's
5. Brookfield (T)
6. Changing Fazes
7. Community Connections-
8. Edgewood Group Family Services
9. Faith and Family Advocates-
10. Faith Partners Care Group
11. Family Impact- Absent
12. Family Transitions
13. Good Neighbor Homes
14. Halo, Incorporation
15. Hope, Unity & Freedom
16. LaurAlex, LLC (T)
17. Life Construction
18. Lumzy's Residential Services
19. Mercy-N-Grace Residential Services, Incorporation
20. Metro Area Support Services
21. Open Arms Family Services (T)
22. Renewance Services, LLC-
23. Safe Haven, Incorporation

24. Substance Abuse Consulting Services, Incorporation-
25. Taylor's Enhanced Living
26. Transitional Adult Residential Care
27. Taylor-Starkewood Enterprise
28. Wilkerson Consulting Services
29. Wise Enterprise Incorporation(T)
30. Youth Pathway, LLC

**VII. Office of Local Human Rights Committee Comments:**

- Michael Curseen, Region IV Human Rights Advocate: Made Clarification of Reporting Requirements to LHRC. The reporting requirements shall address: Complaints, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation, and Program Changes.

**VIII. Next Meeting:**

- July 21, 2009 @ 6:00 p.m. Hosted by Alternative Counseling. Location TBA.

**IX. Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.**