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Richmond Tri-Cities Local Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes July 21, 2009

Hosted by: Alternative Counseling

Location: Liason Restaurant, Petersburg, Virginia

Committee Members Present:

Jimmy Christmas, Vice Chair; Dona Edmondson; Veronica Thweatt, Secretary

Committee Members Absent: None

Others Present:

Michael Curseen, Region IV Advocate

Affiliated Members Present:

Acclaim Care Inc-Abby Dickson; **Alternative Counseling Group-** Michael Thomas; **Beetween the T's-** Thomila Wilson; **Changing Fazes-**Ebony Sauls; **Community Connections-** Sandra Turner; **Edgewood Group Family Services-**Phyllis Ross & Marcus Adams; **Faith & Family Advocates-** Wayne Whittle; **Faith Partners Care Group-** Michael Arrington & John Redd; **Family Impact-** Felicia Mattocks; **Family Transitions-** Franko Britt; **Good Neighbor Homes-** Matt Mavek; **Halo Inc.-** Marjorie Legros & Reno Legros; **Hope, Unity, & Freedom-** Georgina Simmons; **Life Construction-** Eunice Gilchrist; **Lumzy's Residential Services-** Laverne Lumzy; **Mercy N Grace Residential Services, Inc-** Deninez Moss; **Open Arms Family Services-** Donna Pegram; **Renewing Family Services, LLC-** Fredrick Rogers; **Safe Haven Day Support Services-** Adeola Adeyemi & Erica Garris; **Substance Abuse Consulting Services, Inc.-** Ron Smith; **Taylor Enhanced Living-** Latarsha Boone; **Transitional Adult Residential Care-** Myra L. Buie; **Wilkerson's Consulting Services-** Thomas Chase; **Youth Pathway, LLC-** Hannibal Tuck; **Brookfield-** Tim Reading; LaurAlex-Aljavon Wills; Wise Enterprises- Gwen Andrews; **Metro Area Support-** Jamie Faulcon & June Harvell; **All Family Matters-** Katie Garnett

I. Welcome/Call to Order:

Jimmy Christmas: Vice Chair called the meeting to order @ 6:31 p.m.

II. Introduction:

LHRC Members and Affiliates gave introductions

III. Approval of Minutes March 17, 2009:

Dona Edmondson- Committee Member, made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of May 19, 2009; Veronica Thweatt second the motion and the motion was carried.

IV. Public Comment:

Mr. Curseen addressed providers concerning his remarks made to at the May 19, 2009 RTC LHRC meeting pertaining to the reporting requirements. Mr. Curseen encouraged all providers to continue to report all human rights complaints and allegations of abuse. Mr. Curseen also acknowledged that providers who consistently strive to eliminate complaints and allegations of abuse via staff training and onsite monitoring may not have as much information to report.

V. Old Business:

Outstanding Annual Reports:

1) Community Connections- Submitted Report

VI. New Business:

1. Request for Affiliation (Program Expansion) Brookfield – Respite Care Services- Requesting to modify their license to include respite care. Enclosed admission criteria and staffing pattern for existing population. Brookfield intent is to serve the same population of girls ages twelve through twenty with an IQ 70 and above. Brookfield believed the children using respite will come from therapeutic foster care or regular foster care home. The program will be supervised when in the community

Dona Edmondson made a motion to approve Brookfield’s request for affiliation (program expansion) and Veronica Thweatt seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. Request for Affiliation (Program Expansion) Halo, Inc. –

Intensive In-Home Services; - Submitted an application to add Intensive In-Home and Day Support Program.

- Veronica Thweatt made a motion to approve Halo’s request for affiliation (program expansion) and Dona Edmondson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Day Support Program Services – Halo, Inc. submitted an application for a Day Support Program. The program is committed through training and support to assist individuals in attaining their goals in areas such as: communication needs, wants and comprehending verbal prompts, learning and adapting functional skills relating to community resources, safety to appropriate environment. Also the program will demonstrate appropriate behavior, peer interaction and social skill in community setting.

- Dona Edmondson made a motion to approve Halo’s request for affiliation (program expansion) and Veronica Thweatt seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. Request for Affiliation (Program Expansion) Transitional Adult Residential Care – Residential Care Services / Centerbrook located at 7730 Centerbrook Lane, Chesterfield, VA- Requesting a new group home at 7730 Centerbrook Lane, Chesterfield, Virginia.

- Veronica Thweatt made a motion to approve Transitional Adult Residential Care - Residential Care Services at Centerbrook Lane in Chesterfield, VA request for affiliation (program expansion) and Dona Edmondson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Faith Partners Care Group, Inc. - Request for Separation.

Mr. John T. Redd and Mr. Michael Arrington announced that they had dissolved Faith Partner's Care Group and were opening separate companies. Mr. Redd's organization is named Solace Health Care Group, Inc. and will provide residential services, intensive in-home services and mental health support services. Mr. Arrington's company is named King's Heart Residential Services and will provide residential services at the Gayton Rd. and Taplow Rd. locations.

- The RTC LHRC approved a motion to affiliate Solace Health Care Group, Inc. and King's Heart Residential Services **pending receipt and approval of their human rights policies and procedures. Mr. Curseen will notify the RTC LHRC when each organization's policies and procedures have been approved.**

5. Halo, Inc. – Report on Use of Medical / Protective Device-

Halo, Inc reported purchasing a cushion lap buddy for a client who spontaneously attempts to stand but will easily fall due to his unsteady gait. Halo presented a physician's order for the lap buddy. Mr. Curseen requested that Halo present this medical protective device to the RTC LHRC for the committee's review.

*Dona Edmonson approved a motion to accept Halo, Inc. presentation of this medical protective device. Veronica seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

6. Review of Attendance – 29 out of 29 affiliations present

VII. Affiliate Presentation

***Human Rights Activity Reports received and accepted from the following:**

1. Acclaim Care, Incorporation
2. All Family Matters
3. Alternative Counseling Group
4. Between the T's

5. Brookfield
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
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
22. ~~Renewance~~ Renewing Family Services, LLC (**New Name**)
23. Safe Haven, Incorporation
24. Substance Abuse Consulting Services, Incorporation
25. Taylor's Enhanced Living
26. Transitional Adult Residential Care
27. Wilkerson Consulting Services
28. Wise Enterprise Incorporation
29. Youth Pathway, LLC

VIII. Office of Local Human Rights Committee Comments:

- Mr. Curseen informed the LHRC committees and affiliates the name change of the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse has been changed to Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services effective of July1, 2009.
- Mr. Curseen shared a letter from the SHRC Chair addressing the recruitment of LHRC members. The State Human Rights Committee emphasized the necessity of maintaining a functional committee in order to demonstrate compliance with Section 12 VAC 35-115-250, A.6 of the Rules and Regulations.

IX. Next Meeting:

September 15, 2009 / Hosted by: Life Construction

X. Meeting Adjourned at 8:13 p.m.