

**Richmond Tri-Cities
Local Human Rights Committee
November 17, 2009**

Location: House of Grace, 618 South Sycamore Street, Petersburg VA 23809

Hosted by: Mercy 'N' Grace

Committee Members Present: Tarah Comer, Donna Edmondson, Jimmy Christmas

Committee Members Absent: Veronica Thweatt

Affiliates Present: **Acclaim Care, Inc.:** Abby Dickson; **Alternative Counseling Group:** Michael Thomas Sean Northington; **Beetween the T's:** Thomila Wilson; **Changing Fazes:** Ebony Sauls-Keys; **Community Connections:** Troy Dean; **Edgewood Group Family Services:** Charisma Dixon, Rhonda Carter; **Faith & Family Advocates:** Wayne Whittle; **Family Transitions:** Franko Britt; **Good Neighbor Homes:** Matthew Marek; **Halo, Inc.:** Reno Legros; **Hope Unity and Freedom:** Ted Goff, Regise Asherman; **Kings Heart Residential Services:** Michael Arrington; **Life Construction:** Eunice Gilchrist; **Lumzy's Residential Services:** Laverne Lumzy, Ernie Lumzy; **Mercy 'N' Grace Residential Services, Inc:** Deninez Moss.; **Open Arms Family Services:** Donna Pegram; **Renewing Family Services, LLC:** Frederick Rogers; **Safe Haven Day Support Services:** Adeola Adeyemi, Erica Garriss; **Solace Helath Care Group, Inc:** John Redd.; **Taylor's Enhanced Living:** Greg Relaford; **Transitional Adult Residential Care:** Myra Buie, Donna Deane; **Wilkerson's Consulting Services:** Thomas Chase; **Youth Pathway, LLC:** Hannibal Tuck; **Brookfield:** Tim Reading; **Wise Enterprises:** Gwendolyn Andrews; **Metro Area Support Services:** Jamie Faulcon, June Harvell; **All Family Matters:** Tara George; **Omega II Therapeutic After School Services:** Shaun Paker, Robert Anderson

Affiliates Absent: LaurAlex, LLC; Substance Abuse Consulting Services; Family Impact

Other Present: Michael Curseen, Advocate

- I. Welcome/Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Tarah Comer at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Introductions: LHRC members and affiliate providers gave introduction
- III. Public Comment: There was no public comment
- IV. Approval of Minutes September 15, 2009. Committee members made a motion, seconded and unanimously approved the minutes from the September 15, 2009 meeting with corrections
- V. Old Business

- A. Approval of Minutes July 21, 2009. Committee members made a motion, seconded, and unanimously approved the minutes from the July 21, 2009 with corrections.
- B. Review of Attendance was given by Tarah Comer from the July 21, 2009. All affiliates were present the previous meeting.
- C. LHRC Follow-up RE: Requests for affiliation
 - 1. Solace Health Care Group, Inc., formerly John Redd of Faith Partners Care Group received affiliation approval as a result of receipt of policies and procedures from the office of Human Rights.
 - 2. King's Heart Residential Services, formerly Michael Arrington of Faith Partners Care Group received affiliation approval as a result of receipt of policies and procedures from the office of Human Rights.
- D. Brookfield provided their Human Rights Activities Reporting form to the LHRC from the September 15, 2009 meeting

VI. New Business

- A. Hope Unity and Freedom, New Executive Director, Ted Goff, gave introduction.
- B. Acclaim Care provided a brief presentation of their request for affiliation for residential services for Hollins Glen House at 9423 Hollins Glen Court, Henrico. This residence will serve as a replacement for Mill Road House. Residents from Mill Road will be transitioned to the new location, which provides better more spacious accommodations for residents. The backyard is large, is ample in space, and provides more privacy for residents. The residence will also be wheelchair accessible.
 - 1. Committee members made and seconded a motion to unanimously approve the affiliation request for Acclaim Care's program expansion.
- C. Good Neighbor Homes provided a request for affiliation, program expansion, for services at 41001 Mountain Road, Glen Allen.
 - 1. Committee members made and seconded a motion to unanimously approve the affiliation request for Good Neighbor Home's program expansion.
- D. Omega II Therapeutic After School Program, Shaun A Parker and Robert Anderson, gave a brief presentation and requested temporary affiliation of an after-school program. Services will be provided to school aged youth ages 5-13, targeting the Colonial Heights area.

1. Committee members made and seconded a motion to unanimously approve the temporary affiliation request for Omega II Therapeutic After School Program.

VII. Review of Attendance was provided by Tarah Comer in absence of the Committee Secretary. The following affiliates were marked absent: **LaurAlex, LLC, Family Impact, and Substance Abuse Consulting Services, Inc.**

VIII. Human Rights Activities Reporting was given by the following affiliates: Acclaim Care, Inc.; Alternative Counseling Group; Beetwen the T's; Changing Fazes; Community Connections; Edgewood Group Family Services; Faith & Family Advocates; Family Transitions; Good Neighbor Homes; Halo, Inc.; Hope Unity and Freedom; Kings Heart Residential Services; Life Construction; Lumzy's Residential Services; Mercy 'N' Grace Residential Services, Inc.; Open Arms Family Services; Renewing Family Services, LLC; Safe Haven Day Support Services; Solace Health Care Group, Inc.; Taylor's Enhanced Living; Transitional Adult Residential Care; Wilkerson's Consulting Services; Youth Pathway, LLC; Brookfield; Wise Enterprises; Metro Area Support Services; All Family Matters

A. Following the human rights activities report given by HALO, Inc., the committee requested additional clarification regarding two reported incidents of self-inflicted client injuries with a fork. The committee made a motion requesting that the two incidents be reported to the committee at the January 19, 2010 LHRC meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

B. Following the human rights activities report given by Hope, Unity and Freedom, Mr. Curseen identified two allegations of abuse dated 9/10/09; one dignity complaint dated 9/18/09 and one serious incident dated 9/3/09 which were not included in the report submitted by Hope, Unity and Freedom. The committee made a motion requesting that the unreported items be reported to the committee at the January 19, 2010 LHRC meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

C. Committee members made an additional motion to accept the remaining human rights activities reports. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

IX. Michael Curseen, Region IV Human Rights Manager, Office of Human Rights gave comments. Mr. Curseen gave comment and provided handouts and reviewed the RTC LHRC meeting dates and reporting dates for January-December 2010. Mr. Curseen also reported that a new LHRC is under construction. Temporary affiliates of the Richmond Tri-Cities LHRC will be transitioned to the new committee once it is up and running.

X. The next meeting will be January 19, 2010.

XI. The meeting was adjourned by Tarah Comer.