

Richmond Tri-Cities
Local Human Rights Committee
January 19, 2010

Location:

A.P. Hill Community Center, Halifax Street, Petersburg, Virginia

Hosted by:

Open Arms Family Services

Committee Members Present:

Tarah Comer, Dona Edmondson, Jimmy Christmas and Veronica Thweatt

Affiliates Presents:

Acclaim Care, Inc: Abby Dickson; **Alternative Counseling Group**: Michael Thomas Sean Northington; **Between the T's**: Thomila Wilson; **Changing Fazes**: Ebony Sauls-Key; **Community Connection**: Troy Dean; **Edgewood Group Family Services**: Charisma Dixon, Rhonda Carter; **Faith and Family Advocates**: Wayne Whittle; **Family Impact**; **Family Transitions**: Franko Britt; **Good Neighbor Homes**: Matthew Asherman; **HALO, Inc.:** Reno Legros; **Kings Heart Residential Services**: Michael Arrington; **Life Construction**: Eunice Gilchrist; Lumzy's **Residential Services**: Laverne Lumzy, Ernie Lumzy; **Mercy 'N' Grace Residential Services**: Deninez Moss; **Open Arms Family Services**: Donna Pegram; **Renewing Families Services, LLC**: Fredrick Rogers; **Safe Haven Inc.;** Adeola Adeyemi, Erica Garris; **Solace Health Care Group, Inc:** John Redd; **Taylor 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 Enterprise**: Gwendolyn Andrews; **Metro Area Support Services**: Jamie Faulcon, June Harvell; **All Family Matters**: Tara George; **Omega II Therapeutic After School Services**: Shaun Parker, Robert Anderson; **Substance Abuse Consulting Services, Inc.:** Ronald Smith

Affiliates Absent:

Hope, Unity and Freedom

Other Presents:

Michael Curseen, Advocate

I. Welcome/Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by Tarah Comer @ 6:18 p.m.

II. Introductions:

- LHRC members and affiliates providers gave introduction.

III. Public Comment:

- Jimmie Christmas announced and explained a new program called the Virginia Coalition of Private Providers. Should the committee

members and/or affiliates like more information they may email Mr. Christmas for further details.

IV. Approval of Minutes May 19, 2009

- Dona Edmondson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of January 19, 2010; Jimmie Christmas seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

V. Old Business

Outstanding Annual Reports:

- 1) Halo, Inc.-
 - Clarification Concerning (2) Reports of Client Self-Inflicted Injuries.
 - Jimmie Christmas made a motion to follow up Halo Inc, report of client self- inflicted injuries, Veronica Thweatt seconded the motion and the motion was carried.
- 2) Hope, Unity and Freedom-
 - Follow-up Reports Concerning (2) Allegations of Abuse dated 9/10/09; (1) Dignity Complaint dated 9/18/09; Serious Incident date 9/2/09- Absent.
 - Jimmie Christmas made a motion to defer Hope, Unity and Freedom report for abuse, Dona Edmondson seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.
- 3) Human Rights Activities Report for Sept. 16 – November 17:
 - Family Impact- report submitted
 - LauaAlex, LLC- No report present. It will be emailed to Michael Curseen, Report submitted,
 - Substance Abuse Consulting Services, Inc. - report submitted, have 7 clients enrolled in J. Sergeant Reynolds.
 - Jimmie Christmas made a motion to accept the human rights activities report for September. 16 – November 17th, 2009 with an amendment for LauraAlex follow-up for forwarding report to Mr. Curseen; Veronica Thweatt seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

VI New Business

1. Request for Affiliation (Program Expansion) Brookfield – (Residential) Maternity & Infant’s Program:
 - Brookfield Family Center explained the purpose of expansion for the maternity and infant program. Brookfield stated that their program will provide a safe, loving environment for children focusing on the individual learning experiences through developmentally appropriate

practices. Brookfield's goal is to treat each child and parent with compassion and respect and provide the necessary services to meet the needs of mothers of Brookfield. The overall program objectives are to encourage self-confidence, curiosity, creativity and self-discipline which will assist children in the development of social and emotional health. The objectives are to also foster independence and responsibility for actions and an understanding of their affects on others.

- Jimmie Christmas made a motion for program expansion for maternity and infant's program at Brookfield; Veronica Thweatt seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

2. Request for Affiliation (Program Expansion)- The Wellness Group Youth & Family Services- (Outpatient Psychiatric and Substance Abuse Program)-

- The Wellness Group Youth and Family Services, Inc., verification form indicated complete compliance with the Rules and Regulations to Assure the Rights of Individuals Receiving Services for the provision of Outpatient Psychiatric and Substance Abuse Services in the Richmond Metro Area. The Wellness Group Youth and Family Services requested the opportunity to submit the following programs as an add to their license: Mental Health Case Management; Substance Abuse Case Management; Substance Abuse Crisis Intervention; Substance Abuse Intensive Out Patient; and Day Support.
- Jimmie Christmas made a motion for program expansion for The Wellness Group Youth and Family Services outpatient psychiatric and substance abuse program; Veronica Thweatt seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

3. LHRC Reassignment of Temporary Affiliates: All Family Matters; Omega II Therapeutic After School Services:

- Mr. Michael Curseen made a statement that the five affiliates will be relocated to a new LHRC Metropolitan.

4. Annual Reports:

- Wise Enterprise submitted their annual report.

IV. Review of Attendance – was provided by Veronica Thweatt, the following affiliates marked absent: Hope, Unity and Freedom.

VI. Human Rights Activities Reporting - (T = Temporary affiliate)

1. Acclaim Care Inc.-report submitted
2. All Family Matters - (T)- **report submitted**
3. Alternative Counseling Group-report submitted
4. Between the T's-report submitted

5. Brookfield (T)- **report submitted**
6. Changing Fazes-report submitted
7. Community Connections- report submitted
8. Edgewood Group Family Services- Marcus Adams- report submitted
9. Faith & Family Advocates-report submitted
10. Faith Partners Care Group-report submitted
11. Family Impact-report submitted
12. Family Transitions-report submitted
13. Good Neighbor Homes-report submitted
14. Halo, Inc.-report submitted
15. Hope, Unity & Freedom-report submitted
16. LaurAlex, LLC (T)-**report submitted**
17. Life Construction-report submitted
18. Lumzy's Residential Services-report submitted
19. Mercy 'N' Grace Residential Services, Inc.-report submitted
20. Metro Area Support Services (T)-**report submitted**
21. Open Arms Family Services-report submitted
22. Renewance Services, LLC-report submitted (change of name Renewing Families Services, LLC)
23. Safe Haven Inc.-report submitted
24. Substance Abuse Consulting Services, Inc.-report submitted
25. Taylor's Enhanced Living-report submitted
26. Transitional Adult Residential Care- report submitted
27. Wilkerson Consulting Services-report submitted
28. Wise Enterprises (T)- **report submitted**
29. Youth Pathway, LLC- report submitted
 - Jimmie Christmas made a motion to accept King's Heart Residential Services to send their report to Michael Curseen. Dona Edmondson seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

VII. Office of Human Rights Comments - Michael Curseen, Region IV Advocate:

*Human Rights Compliance Verification Form; Community Abuse & Neglect Report Form:

- Mr. Curseen presented a human rights compliance verification form. In order for new providers to be placed on the LHRC agenda for program affiliation, the new provider must fill out the form provided by the Department of Behavioral Health and Development Services. Mr. Curseen went over the human rights compliance verification form to affiliates.
- Affiliates may retrieve the form on the DBHDS website.
- Mr. Curseen explained to the committee that reports of allegations of neglect and abuse need to be reported in 24 hours and the affiliates must fill out the Community Abuse & Neglect Report form. Mr. Curseen explained to the committee that they must fill out all components on the form. He stressed not to skip components on the form.

VIII. Next Meeting Schedule: March 16, 2010 at Hosted by Safe Haven.

IX. The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.