

Richmond Tri-Cities
Local Human Rights Committee
March 16, 2010

Location:

Holiday Inn / Kroger Select

Hosted by:

Safe Have Inc.

Committee Members Present:

Tarah Comer, Chair, Dona Edmondson, Veronica Thweatt-Harper, Secretary and Simone Mitchell

Absent:

Jimmy Christmas, Vice-Chair

Affiliates Presents:

Acclaim Care, Inc: Abby Dickson; **Alternative Counseling Group:** Michael Thomas Sam Northington; **Between the T's:** Thomila Wilson; **Changing Fazes:** Ebony Sauls-Key; **Community Connection:** absent; **Edgewood Group Family Services:** Sheron Lynch, Sammy Jackson; **Faith and Family Advocates:** Wayne Whittle; **Family Impact:** Shaniqua Wilkerson; **Family Transitions:** Jessica Trofe, Franko Britt; **Good Neighbor Homes:** Matt Marek; **Halo Inc.:** R. Legros; **Hope, Unity, & Freedom:** T. Goff; **Kings Heart Residential Services:** absent; **Life Construction:** Eunice Gilchrist; **Lumzy's Residential Services:** Laverne Lumzy, Ernie Lumzy, Brianne Jones; **Mercy 'N' Grace Residential Services:** Deninez Moss; **Metro Area Support Services:** Jamie Faulcon, June Harvell; **Open Arms Family Services:** Donna Pegram; **Renewing Family Services, LLC:** Fredrick Rogers; **Safe Haven Day Support Services:** Adeola Adeyemi; **Solace Health Care Group, Inc:** L. Neale; **Substance Abuse Consulting Services, Inc.:** Ron Smith; **Taylor Enhanced Living:** Greg Relaford; **Transitional Adult Residential Care:** Myra Buie; **Wilkerson's Consulting Services:** Thomas Chase; **Youth Pathway, LLC:** Hannibal Tuck; **Wise Enterprise:** absent

Affiliates Absent:

Community Connections; King's Heart Residential Services; Wise Enterprise

Other Presents:

Michael Curseen, Region IV Human Rights Manager

I. Welcome/Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by Tarah Comer @ 7:00 p.m.

II. Introductions:

- LHRC members and affiliates providers gave introduction.

III. Public Comment:

- No Public Comments

IV. Approval of Minutes January 19, 2010

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

V. Old Business:

1. LHRC Follow-up: The Wellness Group Youth and Family Services- (Outpatient Psychiatric and Substance Abuse Services) was approved pending receipt by Office of Human Rights of a brochure describing the program:
 - Report was submitted with a brief description of the program expansion.
 - Dona Edmondson made a motion to accept the report from The Wellness Group Youth and Family Services. Veronica Thweatt-Harper seconded the motioned and the motion was carried.
2. Hope, Unity, and Freedom- Follow-up Reports (1) Allegations of Abuse dated 9/10/09; (2) Dignity Complaint date 9/18/09; (3) Serious Incident date 9/2/09:
 - Report was submitted with brief description of the serious incident, allegations and dignity complaint.
 - Dona Edmond made a motion to accept the report from Hope, Unity and Freedom. Veronica Thweatt-Harper seconded the motion and the motion was carried.
3. Human Rights Activities Reports for September 16 – November 17, 2009: LaurAlex, LLC:
 - Report was submitted.
 - Veronica Thweatt-Harper made a motion to accept the reports from LaurAlex, LLC. Dona Edmondson seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

VI. New Business

1. Request for Affiliation (Program Expansion) Acclaim Care, Inc. / Aspree Adult Day Service (Day Support) Program:
 - The Acclaim Care, Inc., verification form indicated complete compliance with Rules and Regulations to assure the rights of individuals receiving services for the provision of Aspree Adult Day Services (Day Support) program.
 - Simone Mitchell made a motion to approve the program expansion for Aspree Day Services (Day Support) program; Dona Edmondson seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

2. Request for Affiliation (Program Expansion)- Wilkerson's Consultants (Therapeutic Day Treatment Services):
 - Wilkerson's Consultants provided a brochure to expand their day support program targeting high school age students 14- 18 year olds. This program will work diligently to provide support for children and families that have serious mental, emotional and behavioral problems. Wilkerson's Consultants strive to assist children and parents in managing impulsive, intrusive, and problem behaviors. The program will focus on area high school, middle school, junior high school and elementary schools.
 - Dona Edmondson made a motion to approve the program expansion for Wilkerson's Consultants Day Support Program; Veronica Thweatt-Harper seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

3. Request for Affiliation (Program Expansion)- Family transitions, Inc. (Day Treatment Services) :
 - Family Transitions provided a brief explanation about the day treatment services. The day treatment services will target Petersburg City and Richmond City Public Schools. This program will also provide an after-school program for students' age 5 – 13 years old.
 - The program expansion was passed. More information needs to be provided.

4. Request for Affiliation (Program Expansion)- Youth Pathways, LLC- (Intensive In-Home Services):
 - Youth Pathways, LLC, provided a brief explanation of the Intensive In-home Services. The program will deliver in-home services to clients and parents of the program. The program will target clients' age of 5 – 18 years old.
 - Dona Edmondson made a motion to approve the program expansion for Youth Pathways, LLC, to provide in-home services to clients and

parents. Veronica Thweatt-Harper seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

5. LHRC Reassignment of Temporary Affiliates: Brookfield, Inc.; LaurAlex, LLC:
6. Annual Reports Received:
 - Good Neighbor Homes; Brookfield, Inc., Solace Health Group, Inc; Open Arms Family Services: submitted their annual report.
7. Dona Edmondson made a motion for affiliates to provide a written report when requesting program expansion.
8. Review of Provider Hosts List for Richmond Tri-Cities LHRC meeting:
 - A written report was handed out to all affiliates and committee members when Richmond Tri-Cities LHRC meeting will be held and hosted by.

IV. Review of Attendance – was provided by Veronica Thweatt-Harper, the following affiliates marked absent: Community Connections; King’s Heart Residential Services; Wise Enterprise

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

1. Acclaim Care Inc.-report submitted
2. Alternative Counseling Group-report submitted
3. Beetween the T’s-report submitted
4. Changing Fazes-report submitted
5. Community Connections- **absent (no report submitted)**
6. Edgewood Group Family Services- Marcus Adams- report submitted
7. Faith & Family Advocates-report submitted
8. Family Impact-report submitted
9. Family Transitions-report submitted
10. Good Neighbor Homes-report submitted
11. Halo, Inc.-report submitted
12. Hope, Unity & Freedom-report submitted
13. King’s Heart Residential - **absent (no report submitted)**
14. Life Construction-report submitted
15. Lumzy’s Residential Services-report submitted
16. Mercy ‘N’ Grace Residential Services, Inc.-report submitted

17. Metro Area Support Services (T)- report submitted
18. Open Arms Family Services-report submitted
19. Renewing Families Services, LLC-report submitted
20. Safe Haven Inc.-report submitted
21. Solace Health Care Group, Inc.- report submitted
22. Substance Abuse Consulting Services, Inc.-report submitted
23. Taylor's Enhanced Living-report submitted – report submitted
24. Transitional Adult Residential Care- report submitted
25. Wilkerson Consulting Services-report submitted
26. Wise Enterprises (T)- absent - (no report submitted)
27. Youth Pathway, LLC- report submitted

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

Comments RE: Crisis Wave & Compliance with the Rules and Regulations;

- Mr. Curseen provided a new copy of a crisis wave and compliance. The crisis wave and compliance had a new choke hold release technique. Mr. Curseen will attend the training and provide feedback at the next meeting date.

VIII. Next Meeting Schedule: May 18, 2010 at Hosted by Transitional Adult Residential Care.

IX. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.