

Richmond Tri-Cities Local Human Rights Committee

May 18, 2010 (June 1, 2010)

Location: Elkridge Gathering Center, Richmond, VA

Hosted by: Transitional Adult Residential Services

Members Present: Tarah Comer, Jimmy Christmas

Members Absent: Veronica Thweatt-Harper, Dona Edmondson, and Simone Mitchell

Affiliates Present: **Acclaim Care Inc:** Jean Hill; **Alternative Counseling Group:** Samuel Northington Jr. and Michael A Thomas; **Between the T's:** Thomila Wilson; Charmonel Jasper; **Changing Fazes:** Ebony Sauls-Keys; **Community Connections:** Katherine Mallard; **Edgewood Group Family Services:** Sammy Jackson; **Faith & Family Advocates:** Wayne Whittle; **Family Impact:** Tarisha Carter; Shaniqua Wilkerson; **Family Transitions:** Franko Britt; **Good Neighbor Homes:** Matthew Marek; **Halo, Inc:** Reno Legros; **Hope, Unity & Freedom:** T. Goff; **Life Construction:** Eunice B. Gilchrist; **Lumzy's Residential Services:** Earnie Lumzy, Brianne Jones, Laverne Lumzy; **Mercy 'N' Grace Residential Services, Inc.:** Deninez Moss; **Renewing Family Services:** Frederick Rogers; **Safe Haven Day Support Services:** Adeola Adeyemi; Shaniqua Jones; **Solace Health Care Group, Inc:** Michael Hockaday, Misty Reynolds; **Taylor's Enhanced Living:** Greg Relaford; **Transitional Adult Residential Care:** Dorethy Warren, Linda Davis, Myra Buie; **Wilkerson Consulting Services:** Thomas Chase; **Youth Pathway, LLC:** Hannibal Tuck; **Wise Enterprises:** Gwendolyn Andrews; **Metro Area Support Services:** Jamie Faulcom, June Harvell Key

Affiliates Absent: All Family Matters, Open Arms Family Services, Substance Abuse Consulting Services, Inc.

Others Present: Michael Curseen, Region IV Human Rights Manager

***June 1, 2010: (LHRC Committee Members meet to discuss new business and human rights activities reportings) Present: Tarah Comer, Jimmy Christmas, Dona Edmondson, Veronica Thweatt-Harper, and Michael Curseen

I. Welcome/Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Tarah Comer at 6:30 pm.

II. Introductions: LHRC members and affiliates gave introduction

III. Public Comment: No public comment was given

IV. Minutes from March 16, 2010 were circulated. No comments or corrections were offered by affiliates and committee members. Action to approve the minutes is deferred until next meeting due to lack of quorum.

- a. ***June 1, 2010: Veronica Thweatt-Harper motioned to approve the minutes from the March 16, 2010 meeting with corrections. Motion was seconded by Jimmy Christmas. Motion was unanimously approved.

V. Old Business

- a. LHRC Follow-up The Wellness Group & Family Services was approved as a result of receipt of brochure describing program
- b. LHRC Follow-up with Hope Unity and Freedom of allegation dated 3/12/10.
- c. LHRC: Follow-up with Community Connections due to overdue activities reporting for January 19th-March 15.

VI. New Business

- a. King's Heart Residential has terminated affiliation with Richmond Tri-Cities LHRC
 - 1. ***June 1, 2010: Veronica Thweatt-Harper made a motion to accept termination of affiliation for King's Heart Residential Services. Motion was seconded by Jimmy Christmas. Motion was unanimously approved.
- b. Solace Health Care Group gave a brief presentation regarding their request for program expansion for the following three programs:
 - 1. Residential expansion to 1841 Ferncreek Place Richmond VA and 40111 Vial Road, Richmond VA 23225. Policies and procedures will remain the same.
 - 1. ***June 1, 2010: Jimmy Christmas made a motion to accept program expansion for two residential programs for Solace Health Care Group. Motion was seconded by Dona Edmondson. Motion was unanimously approved.
 - 2. DD Waiver-In-home residential Support Services; Personal Care Services/Personal Attendant Care; Respite Care; and Companion Care. Program description was presented and written description was promptly sent to Committee Chair following the meeting.
 - 1. ***June 1, 2010: Jimmy Christmas made a motion to accept program expansion for guardian residential services for Solace Health Care Group. Motion was seconded by Veronica Thweatt-Harper. Motion was unanimously approved.
 - 3. Therapeutic Day Treatment Services for Children and Adolescents: TDT services will service children aged 6-18 in school and in after school setting. Will include two or more therapeutic activities per day (group, individual, psycho educational activities). After school services will be provided in office location at Willow Lawn. Youth must meet criteria for an emotional and behavioral illness resulting in significant impairment in the school. Exclusion criteria: active psychosis or IQ below 65.
 - 1. ***June 1, 2010: Jimmy Christmas made a motion to accept program expansion for therapeutic day treatment services for Solace Health Care Group. Motion was seconded by Veronica Thweatt-Harper. Motion was unanimously approved.
- c. Family Transitions gave a brief presentation for request of affiliation of program expansion of their Mental Health Support. Servicing age 16 and up. Services will focus on providing medication education, vocational skills training, life skills training, and supportive services to maintain current level of functioning in the community. No brochure was provided or received.

1. ***June 1, 2010: Jimmy Christmas made a motion to approve request for program expansion pending receipt of annual report to Office of Human Rights. Motion was seconded by Veronica Thweatt-Harper. Motion carried.
- d. Wise Enterprises, Inc. gave a brief presentation for request of affiliation of program expansion of their in- and after school therapeutic day treatment services. TDT services will service youth in grades Kindergarten to eighth grade. Program policies remain the same, and are expanding to Henrico and Chesterfield localities.
 1. ***June 1, 2010: Motion was made by Jimmy Christmas to approve program expansion request. Motion was seconded by Veronica Thweatt-Harper. Motion carried.
- e. Good Neighbor Homes, Inc. gave a brief presentation for request of affiliation of program expansion to two new locations 10584 Lambeth Road, Glen Allen, VA and 6363 Foxrock Lane, Mechanicsville, VA 23111. These two new service locations will fall under the same operating policies and procedures of other programs. Each house/location will service up to six individuals.
 1. ***June 1, 2010: Motion was made by Dona Edmondson to accept program expansion for Good Neighbor Homes. Motion was seconded by Jimmy Christmas. Motion was unanimously approved.
- f. Lumzy's Residential Services gave a brief presentation for request for affiliation of program expansion for new location 3805 Falstone Road, Richmond, VA 23234. The new location will fall under the same policies and procedures of other Lumzy's Residential homes. The home is licensed to service six individuals.
 1. ***June 1, 2010: Motion was made by Jimmy Christmas to accept request for program expansion. Seconded by Dona Edmondson. Motion was unanimously approved.
- g. Action to approve the aforementioned requests for program expansion is deferred at the time of the meeting due to lack of quorum. LHRC committee members will attempt to gather as soon as possible with quorum to review and recommend action of the above requests. After this meeting, Mr. Curseen will notify affiliates that have requested expansion results, so they may move forward.
 1. ***Meeting was held on June 1, 2010 to take action on the aforementioned new business
- h. Annual Reports: The following Annual Reports for January – December 2009 were identified as overdue: Alternative Counseling Group, Community Connections, Family Transitions, Halo, Inc., Renewing Family Services, and Youth Pathways. The following affiliates submitted their annual report during the meeting: Safe Haven, Inc., Halo Inc., and Family Impact.

VII. Review of Attendance: Open Arms Family Services and Substance Abuse Consulting Services, Inc. absent during meeting

VIII. Human Rights Activities Reporting

- a. The Following affiliates gave presentation and submitted report: Acclaim Care Inc., Alternative Counseling Group, Between the T's, Changing Fazes, Community

- b. Action on human rights activities reporting was deferred until next meeting due to lack of quorum.
 - 1. ***June 1, 2010: Veronica Thweatt-Harper made a motion to accept the Human Rights Activities Reportings from the May 15, 2010 meeting. Motion was seconded by Jimmy Christmas. Motion carried.
- IX. Office of Human Rights Comments – Michael Curseen, Region IV Human Rights Manager gave comments regarding Crisis Wave and Compliance with Rules and Regulations
- X. Next meeting is scheduled July 20, 2010 to be hosted by Wilkerson’s Consulting Services
- XI. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 by Tarah Comer