

Richmond Tri-Cities Local Human Rights Committee

July 20, 2010

Location: 5935 Hopkins Road, Richmond, VA

Hosted By: Wilkerson's Consultants, Inc

Members Present: Tarah Comer, Chair; Dona Edmondson, Member; Veronica Harper, Secretary; Simone Mitchell, Member

Members Absent: Jimmy Christmas, Vice-chair

Other's Present: Michael Curseen- Region IV Human Rights Manager

Affiliates Present:

Acclaim Care: Jean Hill; **Alternative Counseling Group:** Samuel Northington Jr.; **Between the T's:** Thomila Wilson; **Changing Fazes:** Ebony Sauls-Keys; **Community Connections:** Troy Dean; **Edgewood Group Family Services:** Phyllis Ross, Rhonda Carter, A. Williams; **Faith & Family Advocates:** Wayne Whittle; **Family Impact:** Ruth Mattocks; **Family Transitions:** Franko Britt; **Good Neighbor Homes:** P. Thebaud, Matthew Marek; **Halo Inc:** Reno Legros; **Hope, Faith & Freedom:** T. Goff; **Life Constructions:** Eunice Gilchrist; **Lumzy's Residential Services:** Brianne Jones, Earnie Lumzy; **Mercy N Grace Residential Services, Inc:** Deninez Moss; **Open Arms Family Services:** Donna Pegram; **Renewing Family Services, LLC:** Frederick Rogers; **Save Haven, Inc:** Grace Ilori; **Solace Health Care Group Inc:** John Redd; **Substance Abuse Consulting Services Inc:** Ron Smith; **Taylor's Enhance Living:** Greg Relaford; **Transitional Adult Residential Care:** Myra Buie; **Wilkerson's Consulting Services:** Thomas Chase; **Youth Pathway, LLC:** Hannibal Tuck

I. Welcome/ Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Tarah Comer at 6:35 p.m.

II. Introductions: LHRC members and affiliates gave introductions.

III. Public Comments: No public Comment

IV. Approval of Minutes for May 18, 2010 and June 1, 2010:

Dona Edmondson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from May 18, 2010 and June 1, 2010, Veronica Harper seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

V. Old Business:

1. LHRC Follow-up: Hope, Unity & Freedom- Follow-up of allegations dated 3/12/2010: Report was deleted from action of business.

2. LHRC Follow-up: Overdue Human Rights Activities Reports for Jan. 19th – March 15th needed for Community Connections: Reports were received and accepted.
3. LHRC Follow-up: Overdue Annual Reports: Alternative Counseling Groups; Community Connections: Family Transitions: Renewing Family Services; Youth Pathways, LLC: All Annual reports were submitted with the exception of Community Connections. The Committee requested to have Community Connections fax the annual report to Ms. Comer, Chair.

VI. New Business:

1. Open Arms Family Services: Report Concerning Absence at May 18, 2010 LHRC Meeting: The reason why affiliate was not present at the May 18th meeting was due to illness. Activity report was submitted and accepted.
2. Substance Abuse Consulting Services: Report Concerning Absence at May 18, 2010 LHRC Meeting: The reason why affiliate was not present at the May 18th meeting was due to personal illness. Activity report was submitted and accepted.
3. LHRC Clarification of Affiliation Agreement Concerning Attendance Requirement: Ms. Tarah Comer, Chair distributed a memorandum to affiliates addressing the LHRC's expectations concerning provider attendance at LHRC monthly meetings. Ms. Comer explained that the memorandum is consistent with the provider's affiliation agreement and that the attendance requirement will be enforced by the Committee.
4. Request for Affiliation (Program Expansion)- Taylor's Enhanced Living- (Therapeutic Day Treatment and Residential Home Services): The program is committed to providing quality services to children, adolescents, and families in order to facilitate positive change and restore harmony to the family unit. The program will use a family system approach to counsel, blended with counseling techniques and interventions from other evidenced based perspectives such as cognitive behavior, psychodynamic and client centered psychological theories. The company provided a detailed packet about the program expansion that was delivered by Ms. Shanice Hall – New LCSW. Dona Edmondson made a motion to approve the request for affiliation (program expansion) for Taylor's Enhanced Living's Therapeutic Day Treatment and Residential Home Service. Veronica Harper seconded. The motion was carried.
5. Reassignment of Temporary Affiliates: Wise Enterprise, Inc; Metro Area Support Services to Metropolitan LHRC.

VII. Review of Attendance- Secretary Report: 24/24- all affiliates present

VIII. Human Rights Activities Report

1. Acclaim Care
2. Alternative Counseling Group
3. Beetween the T's
4. Changing Fazes
5. Community Connections
6. Edgewood Group Family Services
7. Faith & Family Advocates
8. Family Impact
9. Family Transitions
10. Good Neighbor Homes
11. Halo, Inc.
12. Hope, Unity & Freedom
13. Life Construction
14. Lumzy's Residential Services
15. Mercy 'N' Grace Residential Services, Inc.
16. Open Arms Family Services
17. Renewing Family Services, LLC
18. Safe Haven, Inc.
19. Solace Health Care Group, Inc.
20. Substance Abuse Consulting Services, Inc.
21. Taylor's Enhanced Living
22. Transitional Adult Residential Care
23. Wilkerson Consulting Services
24. Youth Pathway, LLC

The activities report for Acclaim Care was deferred due to an emergency. C. Dixon will provide report at the September 21, 2010 LHRC meeting. The Committee approved a motion to accept the provider's human rights activities reports.

IX. Office of Human Rights Comments- Michael Curseen, Region IV Human Rights Manager: Mr. Curseen provided information concerning the following items:

1. Update on Status of Crisis Wave & Compliance with DBHDS and Rules & Regulations – Mr. Curseen requested all providers to give the LHRC regular reports on the status of employees who have received the revised Crisis Wave Training.
2. Update of Human Rights System Issues – Mr. Curseen reviewed the handout.
3. DBHDS Creating Opportunities Plan – Mr. Curseen reviewed the handout.

X. Next Meeting Scheduled: September 21, 2010/ Hosted by: Youth Pathways, LLC

XI. Adjournment: 7:52 pm.

