

# Richmond Tri-Cities Human Rights Committee Minutes

## Group A

September 21, 2011

**Hosted by:** Hope, Unity, and Freedom Center located at 2701 Boulevard, Colonial Heights, Virginia, 23834

**Committee Members Present:** Tarah Comer, Chair; Dona Edmondson; Veronica Harper, Secretary; Janet Olivia Mitchell.

**Members Absent:** Simone Mitchell, Jimmy Christmas

**Others Present:** Michael Curseen, Regional Advocate

**Affiliates Present (Group A)** Hope, Unity, and Freedom Center, Acclaim Care Inc., Good Neighbor Homes, Family Transitions, Edgewood Group, Changing Fazes, Between the T's, Family Impact, Faith and Family Advocates, and Alternative Counseling Group.

**Affiliates Absent (Group A)** Halo Inc.

- I. Meeting was called to order at approximately 6:40pm by Chair, Tara Comer.
- II. Introductions were made from all of the providers.
- III. Randy Wilson, Executive Director of the Hope. Unity and Freedom Center had a public comment in reference to the need for community providers to collaborate and explore ways to better work together in addressing issues with pest in both residential and community based programs. Randy reflected on the Hope, Unity and Freedom Center's effort to explore support from State Legislators in addressing the issue on a state level.
- IV. Approval of Minutes-July 19, 2011 - Minutes approved.
- V. Michael Curseen informed all providers that Thomas Chase was previously scheduled to attend the Richmond Tri-Cities Group A meeting; however, a conflict occurred with his schedule. He was scheduled to make a public comment Re: The New Medicaid Changes, and how all providers would be affected.
- VI. **Old Business:** Michael Curseen discussed issue regarding Overdue Quarterly Reports with all providers. Michael Curseen informed Renewing Family Services and Family Transitions to submit the overdue quarterly's from July 19, 2011 by November 1, 2011 when the next quarterly reports are due. The following providers are also responsible for providing their late quarterly's on November 1, 2011: Halo Inc, Substance Abuse Consulting Services, and Transitional Adult Residential Services. however, they were not present to receive the direct instruction. The Committee approved a motion to defer its review of the overdue reports to the November 15, 2011 LHRC meeting.

**VII. New Business:**

1) The Hope, Unity, and Freedom Center were approved to expand their Psycho-Social Rehabilitation Services to 6027 Nine Mile Rd. Richmond, VA 23227.

2) Good Neighbor Home was approved to expand their (ID) MR Waiver Homes for the following locations: 10930 Pegwell Drive, Midlothian, Virginia, 1916 Vesonder Road, Petersburg/Virginia and 2815 Wighton Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

3) A Revised Meeting Dates and Reporting Months Schedule dated September 16, 2011 was given to all Group A providers and committee members present. Please note that there was a typo for Group-A provider Acclaim Care Inc. email address. The correct email address is [acclaimcare@yahoo.com](mailto:acclaimcare@yahoo.com). Good Neighbor Homes Owner Matthew Marek reported that [mmarek@nationalclientservices.com](mailto:mmarek@nationalclientservices.com) is the correct email address and to remove the [goodneighborhoms@aol.com](mailto:goodneighborhoms@aol.com).

4) Dona Edmondson and Veronica Harper were recommended for re-appointment to the Richmond Tri-Cities LHRC.

**VIII. Secretary's Report:** 10 of 11 Group A Providers were in attendance. Absent:

HALO, Inc.

**IX. Office of Human Rights Comments:**

1. Michael Curseen informed and educated the providers of Group (A) on how to appropriately complete the annual and quarterly report (in-depth).
2. Mr. Curseen processed on what "constituted a meeting"
3. Mr. Curseen recommended and encouraged all providers to explore attending the training opportunities (a) Investigator Training, (b) Understanding Licensing Requirements, (c) Topics for Administrators of Group Homes and Residential Services, and (d) Audit Training from a Provider's Prospective.
4. Mr. Curseen educated all providers on the different provider requirement for adding a new location to an existing service versus adding a new service.
5. Mr. Curseen encouraged all providers to review the SHRC Newsletter

**X. Next scheduled meeting: November 15, 2011-Hosted by Solace Health Care**

**Group B.**

**XI. Adjournment**