

**RICHMOND UNIFIED
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
MINUTES MAY 17, 2007**

Committee Members Present:

Londella Hamilton, Chairman
Patrice Banks-Lewis, Co-Chairman
Jerome Lee
Paula Futrell

Others Present:

James Bowser, Jr. Regional Advocate

Affiliate Members Present:

Zakia Copeland-Family Restoration Services, LLC
Sylvia Funn-Family Restoration Services, LLC
Andrea R. Gregg-Martin, Family Maintenance Counseling Group, INC
Kristin Denny-VA Institute for Systemic Treatment
Tevar Acher-VA Counseling and Community Development
Diana Sheffield-T.O.D.A.Y.S. Youth Services
Aric Melton, Sr. T.O.D.A.Y.S. Youth Services
Donnell Crossland-T.O.D.A.Y.S. Youth Services
Kirk Mullins-T.O.D.A.Y.S. youth Services
Myra Davis-Angel House, LLC
Carolyn Palmore-Angel House, LLC
Rodney William-Abundant Life Center
Craig Oliver-Abundant Life Center
Kimberly C. Pettus-Inspiration House
Michelle Gestwick-It's A New Day, LLC
Michael Bakarr-Pleasant View Residential Services
Marcia Whittingham-Diversity Residential Homes; Diversity Training and Support Center
Lucius Alford-Outreach Residential Services
Emerson Lopez-Strong Foundation Youth Initiative, INC
Mr. Campbell-Strong Foundation Youth Initiative, INC
C. David Torrence-Youth Intervention Services
Monica Lucas-Rion's Hope

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Ms. Hamilton called meeting to order.

II. Introduction:

Everyone introduced themselves and the programs they represented.

III. Public Comments:

No public comments.

IV. Approval of March 15, 2007:

Motion made and passed to approve March 15, 2007 minutes.

V. Human Rights Policy and Procedures Review:

Abundant Life Center Revisions

Recommended revisions to the behavior management section of the Abundant Life Center's Human Rights Policies and Procedures were deferred until the July 19, 2007 meeting.

VI. Old Business:

None

VII. New Business:

Mr. Bowser reported that the proposed changes to the revised Human Rights Regulations have been approved. A Statewide Human Rights Seminar is planned for early fall of this year for LHRC members on the revisions.

Mr. Bowser reported on the DMHMRSAS Statewide Volunteer Luncheon held in Staunton, Va. on April 3, 2007. LHRC members attended and were recognized for their service to the human rights system.

Mr. Bowser distributed the Spring 2007 edition of the *Human Rights* newsletter and indicated that the SHRC welcomes their comments and suggestions.

VIII. Human Rights Activities Reporting:

1. Outreach Residential
2. Angel House
3. Diversity Training and Support Group
4. Inspiration House
5. VA Institute for Systemic Treatment

6. Pleasant View Residential
7. It's A New Day
8. Family Restoration Services
9. Family Maintenance Counseling
10. T.O.D.A.Y.S. Youth Services
11. Strong Foundation Youth Initiative
12. Youth Intervention services
13. VA Counseling and Community Development
14. Abundant Life

A motion was made and passed to accept the human rights activities reports.

Monica Lucas from Rion's Hope informed the committee that the program had recently changed ownership. She plans to open another site and is actively pursuing licensure.

IX. Next Meeting Date:

July 19, 2007 with Abundant Life Center as host.

X. Adjournment