

REVISED ROANOKE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MINUTES
September 10, 2009

The Roanoke Human Rights Committee met on September 10, 2009 at 3:00 pm at It's About Time, Inc. located at 1316 S Jefferson Street, Lower Level Suite 1, Roanoke, VA 24016.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Vincent Dabney, Chair
Ann Patterson
Rebecca Downs
Thayer Walker

MEMBERS ABSENT

Renu Musslewhite
Ali Hamed-Moore

OHR STAFF PRESENT

Nan Neese, Regional Human Rights Advocate

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT STAFF

Karen Harth

AFFILIATES REPRESENTED

Alleghany Highlands CSB – Betty Crance
Dominion Youth Day Service – Nailah Cook, Dwayne Lynch, Dianna Parrish
It's About Time, Inc. – Mitzi Tuck
United Support Services, LLC – Tammy Solari
Key Living Options – Linda Puckett
Austin Residential and Mental Health Support Services – Tina Austin

MINUTES

1) **Call to Order/Welcome**

Vincent Dabney, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

2) **Introductions**

Committee members, advocates, and providers introduced themselves.

3) **Approval of July , 2009 minutes**

Vincent Dabney, Chair, asked if there were any questions or corrections to the minutes from July 9, 2009. There was a correction that needed to be made. The minutes will be amended to reflect the correction and aside from this change, they were approved by the committee as written.

Rebecca Downs moved to accept the minutes as amended and Ann Patterson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

4) **Advocate's Report**

Nan Neese shared with the Committee that the "Roanoke" Advocate's position will not be filled due to the budget reductions. At this time Nan is providing primary advocacy support In Region III in the Alleghany, Roanoke Valley, New River Valley and Piedmont services areas.

Nan reminded providers of the requirement to notify the Advocate immediately regarding complaints of violations and to make certain there is closure to the complaints. She also offered a reminder about reporting peer to peer aggression incidents.

5) **Alleghany CSB – Human Rights Report: July and August, 2009**

Betty Crance appeared before the committee and answered questions from the committee.

Thayer Walker moved to accept the report as submitted; Rebecca Downs seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

6) **Dominion Youth/Day Services – Human Rights Report: July and August 2009**

Dwayne Lynch presented the human rights reports and answered questions from committee members.

Thayer Walker moved to accept the report as submitted; Rebecca Downs seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

7) **It's About Time, Inc. – Human Rights Report: July and August, 2009**

Mitzi Tuck presented the human rights reports and answered questions from committee members.

Nan Neese commended Mitzi on her advocacy in behalf of two individuals who attend Day Support at IAT. Even though they reported mistreatment external to her service, Mitzi provided extensive support to assure their safety and well being.

Renu Musslewhite moved to accept the report as submitted. Rebecca Downs seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

8) **United Support Services, LLC – Human Rights Report: July and August 2009**

Tammy Solari appeared before the committee and presented the human rights reports as she was unable to fax the reports prior to the meeting. Tammy answered questions of the committee.

Renu Musslewhite moved to accept the report as submitted; Thayer Walker and Rebecca Downs seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

9) **Key Living Options, Inc. – Human Rights Report: July and August 2009**

Cathy Key appeared before the committee and answered questions from the committee.

Renu Musslewhite moved to accept the report as submitted; Thayer Walker and Rebecca Downs seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

10) **Austin Residential and Mental Health Support Services**

Tina Austin was unable to attend the meeting. We have not received the report from Austin Residential for May and June. It was reported that Nan Neese has a copy of the report as Tina emailed her the report. The committee suggested allowing Austin Residential to present their report at the next meeting. Thayer Walker moved to review the May and June

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reports during the next meeting; Ann Patterson seconded the move and it carried unanimously.

- 11) Other Business None
- 12) Next Meeting – November 12, 2009

The next meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. The Committee will meet at It's About Time, Inc., located at 1316 S Jefferson Street, Lower Level Suite 1, Roanoke, VA.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15pm.

Vincent Dabney, Chair

Date signed