

LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Southside Regional Local Human Rights Committee
Meeting of January 22, 2010

*****FINAL*****

PRESENT

Kathleen Dring, Psy.D., LHRC Acting Chair
Elaine Martin, LHRC
Sharon Liddle, LHRC
Jean Bohnhoff, LHRC
Stewart Prost, Human Rights Advocate DBHDS
Susan Wilson, Pendleton Child Services Center
Jeffrey Burns, Tidewater Psychotherapy Services
Roseann Smith, Finney Psychotherapy Associates
Allison Zoll, Atlantic Psychiatric Services
Nina Joyner, New Life Programs and Family Systems II
Angelo Morlino, Vito, Inc.
James Lassiter, Family Net
Peggy Lidstrum, Dominion Psychiatric, PLLC-Turning Point
Shawnta Wright, Sarah's Place
Monica C. Manley, The Barry Robinson Center

ABSENT

Tracy Ferguson, LHRC
Damon Sutton, Paramount Youth Services

Acting Chairperson Kathleen Dring called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2010 Meeting Dates

Dr. Dring reviewed the remaining 2010 meeting dates: April 23, 2010, July 23, 2010, and October 22, 2010.

Minutes

The minutes of the October 30, 2009 meeting were reviewed, revised and approved.

Advocate's Report

Stewart Prost reported the Office of Human Rights is still short one person and will not be filling the vacant position. Therefore, in addition to himself, Reginald Daye and Willie Barnes are covering all programs.

Mr. Prost reported that the process for adding new programs, new locations and new services has changed again. When a provider is establishing a new program that is not covered by current human rights policies and procedures, the provider must send licensing a packet. Licensing will give initial approval and request that the provider contact Margaret Walsh, State Human Rights Director. Ms. Walsh then sends initial verification form to the provider, which now must include the attachment of the new policies and procedures. Ms. Walsh will then direct the provider to contact the Office of Human Rights and locate an LHRC to request affiliation. The LHRC will put the requesting provider on the agenda and the provider must bring copies of human rights policies, behavioral management and program rules. The committee reviews everything and must approve the program rules and determines by vote if the program receives temporary affiliation. If the program receives temporary affiliation, the provider must continue to attend all meetings to request and maintain temporary affiliation until the license is received. Once licensed, the provider must bring the license or copy of the letter with the license number on it to request permanent affiliation. The 180 days site visits by the Office of Human Rights will no longer be conducted since licensing has to visit during the first six months to review the conditional license. Finally, Mr. Prost reminded providers that they must inform the Office of Human Rights when they receive the new license and when the first client is admitted.

Mr. Prost briefly reviewed the process of adding programs and locations under existing policies and procedures. If adding a program or new location, the provider sends a letter of intent with a contact name listed to the licensing specialist who in turn will notify the Office of Human Rights, complete a verification form, schedule with the LHRC to request temporary affiliation which will be renewed at each meeting until a license is received. Once the license is received, the provider must bring a copy of the license or the letter with the license number on it to request permanent affiliation.

Mr. Prost announced that Dr. William Hazel is the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Interim commissioner is Dr. James Stewart.

Mr. Prost reminded providers to submit their annual Special Treatment procedure report to the State Human Rights Committee as soon as possible.

Mr. Prost informed the committee that they should elect officers today.

Program Reports

1. Pendleton Child Services Center – Sue Wilson reported they are currently serving 18 residents in the residential program and 6 students in their day-treatment program. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues.
2. Tidewater Psychotherapy – Jeff Burns reported they are currently serving 72 clients in 9 intensive outpatient and substance abuse groups. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues.
3. Finney Psychiatric Associates – Roseann Smith apologized to the committee and stated she put the meeting date on the wrong day in her calendar. A motion was made, seconded and approved that Finney Psychiatric Associates be reinstated to permanent affiliation. She reported they are currently serving 8 adult clients in their intensive outpatient chemical dependency program and 6 adults in their relapse prevention program. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues.
4. Atlantic Psychiatric Services – Allison Zoll contacted the committee prior to the meeting stating she would be unable to attend since they would be moving their offices soon. Their outpatient program remains under reconstruction.
5. Paramount Youth Services – No report. A motion was made, seconded and approved that Paramount Youth Services be moved to temporary affiliation. Acting Chairperson Kathleen Dring will be sending Damon Sutton a letter informing him of their temporary affiliation and opportunity to explain his absence at the next LHRC meeting. At that time, Paramount Youth Services may be reinstated to permanent affiliation.
6. New Life –Mary's House has 2 residents. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
7. Family Systems II – Nina Joyner reported there are 137 clients receiving intensive in-home services. There are 29 clients receiving mental health support and 42 clients in the therapeutic day treatment program. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.

Ms. Joyner requested permanent affiliation for one Day Treatment site (Westhaven Elementary School in Portsmouth, VA) and to continue the temporary affiliation for the evening program at Kings Fork Middle School in Suffolk, VA. A motion was made, seconded and approved to grant permanent affiliation and continue temporary affiliation,

respectively.

8. Vito Inc. – Angelo Morlino reported they are currently serving 54 in-home clients and 42-day support clients. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues. Since they have not yet received a license, he requested to continue temporary affiliation for a Day Support Program in VA Beach, VA and requested temporary affiliation for a new office in Newport News, VA. A motion was made, seconded and approved that the Day Treatment program continues its temporary affiliation and granted temporary affiliation to the new office in Newport News, VA.
9. Family Net – James Lassiter reported they currently have 6 clients receiving in-home services. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
10. Dominion Psychiatric Associates, PLLC-Turning Point- Peggy Lidstrum reported they are currently serving 7 clients in their Intensive Outpatient Chemical Dependency Program and 12 in their aftercare treatment program. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
11. Sarah's Place- Shawnta Wright requested continued temporary affiliation. A motion was made, seconded and approved that the group home continue temporary affiliation.
12. The Barry Robinson Center – HomeBase Services – Monica Manley reported 87 clients are receiving in-home services. HomeBase Services also provides additional group services of anger management, art therapy and substance abuse. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
13. The Barry Robinson Center – The LHRC reviewed The Barry Robinson Center's statistical reports regarding structured living, reports to Licensing/Human Rights and special treatment procedure utilization. Monica Manley provided a brief overview of the Center's transition to using Handle With Care Behavioral Interventions for extremely unsafe and aggressive residents on 10/05/09.

Executive Session

A motion was made and passed that the LHRC enter into an Executive Session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-371 (A) for the purpose of reviewing The Barry Robinson Center's occurrence report.

Exit Executive Session

Upon reconvening into public session, the LHRC unanimously certified to the best of each member's knowledge, only public matters, lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified to the motion to reconvene this session, the Executive Session, were discussed in the Executive Session.

After reconvening into public session, the Southside Regional Local Human Rights Committee indicated they made no recommendations regarding the occurrences at The Barry Robinson Center.

The committee made a motion, seconded and approved the following officers: Kathy Dring, Chairperson, Sharon Liddle, Vice Chairperson and Jean Bohnhoff, Secretary.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.