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SOUTHSIDE LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING

**Mecklenburg Community Support Program
823 North Mecklenburg Avenue
South Hill Virginia
Monday, July 09, 2012**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Will Woodall, Chair; Barbara Kittrell, Vice-Chair; Gloria Barnes

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mona Rainey, Sahar Ghanem; Jacqueline Barnette

AFFILIATES PRESENT: Another Beginning, Inc./Kelly Carr; Community Living/ Teri Bistarkey; Family First/Susan Ponton; Family Sharing/Jennifer Morris and Michelle Miller, G & H Group Home/Harriett Outlaw; Halifax Regional Health System/Carol Conner and Kelly Hutchins; Olmeja/April Hughes; Palmer Springs Group Home, Psychosocial and H & R Support Services/Katina Kittrell and Karen Marriner; Pathways Youth Services, III/Chris Davis; Safe Haven, Inc./ Shimea Darden; Turning Point Youth and Family Services, LLC/Angela Edmond; United Friends/Willie and Marguerite Tillerson;

AFFILIATES ABSENT: Divine Residential Services, LLC; EVOLVE, LLC; United Methodist Family Services

OTHERS PRESENT: Beverly Garnes/Human Rights Regional Advocate; Valaria Seamans/Southside Community Services Board Advocate; Victor Little, Kimberly Rainey, and Michael Wright/Life Young Adult Services, LLC; Melissa Morris and Diane Edmonds/The Center for Child & Family Services, Inc.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Will Woodall, Chair, at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES: Ms. Garnes made note that this LHRC's name is in conflict with another LHRC and therefore we will leave out the word Regional in our name. The official name is the Southside Local Human Rights Committee. Draft minutes of the April 16, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW REGIONAL ADVOCATE: Beverly Garnes: Beverly Garnes, Regional Advocate for Region VI was introduced. Ms. Garnes has been with Southside Virginia Training Center for 20+ years. Kevin Paluzsak has moved to Region II which is in Northern Virginia. At this time, introductions were made for all persons/affiliates present.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Southside LHRC now has two new committee members. Gloria Barnes was welcomed to the committee. Jacqueline Barnette was absent.

AFFILIATION REQUEST:

- A. Life Young Adult Services, LLC :** Owners are Kimberly Rainey, LPC and Victor Little, MS. Kimberly and Victor bring over 16 years of experience in the Mental Health and Substance Abuse fields. They are looking to branch out into the South Hill area. They currently have a couple of clients but do not have a physical location for their services at this time. The affiliation request was unanimously approved.
- B. The Center for Child & Family Services, Inc.:** Diane Edmonds is the Clinical Director and Melissa Morris is the Office Manager. This service is new to this area, but has been providing services in the Richmond area for some time. Both Diane and Melissa previously worked at the Pavilion, which closed earlier this year. The Center will be providing Intensive In-Home/Child and Family Services, Mental Health Support, Substance Abuse Case Management, Parenting Classes, Intensive Out Patient Substance Abuse Services and Out Patient Counseling. They are located on Atlantic Street in South Hill since April, 2012. They currently have seven employees, are at full load capacity except for one. Some services are provided in the office and other services are provided out of the office setting. They are looking to grow and expand if they have the capability. The affiliation request was unanimously approved.

LOCAL ADVOCATE'S REPORT: Valaria Seamans/Southside Community Services Board Advocate, reported there had been one Peer-to-Peer Neglect Allegation case which resulted in the release of one employee due to five separate instances of consumer neglect found during the course of the investigation. There have been a total of 14 Peer-to-Peer incidents, with no injuries, within the agency during this quarterly period. There have been two deaths reported to HR and Licensing of Serious Incident/Injury or Death. Neither individual resided in an SCSB home. One death occurred as a result of suffocation and the second death was undetermined, but thought to be from a heart attack. Total individuals served from 4/1/12-6/30/12 was 4690 which includes ID, MH, and Crisis.

REGIONAL ADVOCATE'S REPORT: Beverly Garnes, Regional Advocate informed everyone that the next State Human Rights Committee will meet on September 7, 2012 at Southwestern Virginia Mental Health in Hillsville, Virginia. This is the meeting that was rescheduled from June. The Office of Human Rights has hired three new Human Rights Advocates. This is because of the Department of Justice and Governor's decision to close Southside Virginia Training Center by 6/30/2014. The Office of Licensing and Human Rights are doing visits where those people will be discharged into the community. There is one HR Advocate from Eastern State Hospital, SVTC in Petersburg, and Central Office. Beverly also talked about the Cooperative Agreements. She asked that everyone sign a new one to state the number of meetings that affiliates need to attend. Beverly prefers that affiliates attend all four meetings throughout the year. She will re-look at this at a later date. New Cooperative Agreements were passed out to all affiliates present. Ms. Garnes also talked about revisions she has made to the Provider Quarterly Report. Affiliates can now check on the appropriate quarter. There are also more clarifications on Question #1 and #4 on the back page. Ms. Garnes reviewed these clarifications with those in attendance.

REQUEST FOR RESTRICTION and NEXT FRIEND REQUEST: Family Sharing: The Committee went into Closed Session according to the Virginia Code for the purpose of discussing restrictions for an individual and for consideration of a Next Friend request for the same individual. After discussion, the Committee came out of the Closed Session, into Open Session and certified that the only information discussed was pertaining to the Request for Restriction and Next Friend Request. The request for a Next Friend was unanimously approved. The Request for Restrictions was tabled pending a current behavioral plan. The last behavioral plan was dated in 2007.

AFFILIATION REPORTS:

- A. Another Beginning, Inc.** Reported that an on-site review has been scheduled for the 23rd with licensure.

- B. Community Living:** Provides Psychosocial and Mental Health Support. There have been no changes. They are currently serving 18 clients. There have been no abuse or neglect allegations.
- C. Divine Residential Services, LLS:** ABSENT
- D. EVOLVE, LLC:** ABSENT
- E. Family First:** Providing Intensive In-Home Counseling. Had 3 clients, currently have only one. There have been no changes, no abuse or neglect allegations.
- F. Family Sharing:** Are currently serving two individuals. There have been no allegations of abuse or neglect.
- G. G & H Group Home:** They are located in South Boston and are currently serving eight residential clients and five day support. There have been no allegations of abuse or neglect. There have been no changes. Their quarterly report was sent to Kevin Paluzsak.
- H. Halifax Regional Health System:** Their quarterly report was sent to Kevin Paluzsak. There have been no major changes. They are providing Intensive Out Patient for children, teens and adults. There have been no changes in the program, however, they have hired one new therapist. They had a licensing survey by Mr.Goode, with no deficiencies. They have had no allegations made.
- I. Olmeja:** They are currently in the Richmond and South Boston area. They have one counselor and three clients at present. There have been no program changes.
- J. Palmer Springs Group Home:** Currently have six residents and one new employee. There have been no allegations or complaints. **Palmer Springs Psychosocial:** Boydton location: no new hires, no allegations and no peer-to-peer incidents. Alberta Location: One new hire and 2 peer-to-peer incidents. They are currently serving 20 clients. **Palmer Springs H & R Support Services:** Currently serving 10 clients. There have been no allegations. They have hired one new employee.
- K. Pathways Youth Services, III:** Is a residential group home. They have had an on-site review by Mr. Goode in July and have a conditional license. They currently have no residents.
- L. Safe Haven, Inc.:** Are currently serving two individuals. There have been no changes. There have been no abuse or neglect allegations.
- M. Turning Point Youth and Family Services, LLC:** On-site review was held on June 28, 2012. They have received a pending letter that is to serve as their license.
- N. United Friends:** Lottie Estelle Group Home and Stepping Stones. They currently have three houses, serving 21 clients. There have been six allegations of abuse and one peer-to-peer incident. All have been resolved.
- O. United Methodist Family Services:** ABSENT

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business to come before the committee.

NEW BUSINESS: Ms. Garnes reminded everyone to send all quarterly reports to her @ Beverly.Garnes@dbhds.virginia.gov Her phone number is 804-524-7479 and fax is: 804-524-7398. She will be sending out the new quarterly report form. There will be training on the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) at the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 15, 2012, 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

