

**LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE**  
**Southside Regional Local Human Rights Committee**  
**Meeting of July 25, 2008**

**\*\*\*FINAL\*\*\***

PRESENT

Viola Vaughan-Eden, PhD. LHRC Chair  
Kathleen Dring, Psy.D., LHRC Vice Chair  
Mary Ann Jackson, LHRC Secretary  
Tracy Ferguson, LHRC  
Stewart Prost, Human Rights Advocate DMHMRSAS  
James Jack, Pendleton Child Services Center  
Jeffrey Burns, Tidewater Psychotherapy Services  
Jim Dekker, Finney Psychotherapy Associates  
Steven Waranch, Atlantic Psychiatric Services  
Damon Sutton, Paramount Youth Services  
Kimberly Gamble, New Life Programs and Family Systems II  
Angelo Morlino, Vito, Inc.  
James Lassiter, Family Net  
Monica Manley, Psy.D., The Barry Robinson Center

ABSENT

Chairperson Viola Vaughn-Eden called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Mr. Prost announced that Lynette Jennings had completed her initial term on the committee on June 30, 2008 and declined a second term. He also reported Agatha Parks-Savage, Ph.D. resigned from the committee. Mr. Prost welcomed Tracy Ferguson to the committee.

**2008 Meeting Dates**

The 2008 Meeting Dates are January 25, April 25, July 25 and October 24, 2008. Since the SHRC will be meeting on October 24, 2008, the committee changed the final meeting date to October 31, 2008.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the January 25, 2008 and April 25, 2008 meetings were reviewed and approved.

**Advocate's Report**

Stewart Prost reported all providers had submitted any revisions to their organizations' policies and procedures to the Williamsburg Human Rights Office by the March 2008 deadline. Mr. Prost reminded the providers that when the identified representative is unable to attend the LHRC meeting, a proxy should be sent to give the report.

Mr. Prost informed the Committee that mandatory training for LHRC members would be held on 09/17/08 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon at the Southeastern Training Center located at 2100 Steeping Stone Square in Chesapeake, VA. Mr. Prost reported all LHRC committee members would be invited and oriented to their role as an LHRC member. Light refreshments will be served. Mr. Prost reported that the committee currently includes four members and there is a vacancy for a consumer. He requested that providers send him potential applicants for the position. In addition, Mr. Prost reported Mary Ann Jackson will complete her second term on the committee in June 2009 and cannot serve on the committee for one year. However, she may serve on another committee if she desires. Finally, Mr. Prost reminded the committee that

officers should be elected today.

### **Election of Officers**

The committee elected the following officers: Dr. Viola Vaughan-Eden- Chair, Dr. Kathy Dring- Vice Chair and Mary Ann Jackson, Secretary.

### **Program Reports**

1. Pendleton Child Services Center – James Jack reported they are currently serving 18 residents in the residential program and 3 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 85 clients in 2 intensive outpatient substance abuse groups and 6 regular groups. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues.
3. Finney Psychiatric Associates – Jim Dekker reported they are currently serving 8 adult clients in their intensive outpatient chemical dependency program. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues.
4. Atlantic Psychiatric Services – Steven Waranch reported they are currently serving 16 patients in their two intensive outpatient chemical dependency groups. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues.
5. Paramount Youth Services – Damon Sutton reported they are currently serving 20 clients in 4 group homes. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues for this quarter. He reported that there was one allegation against a staff in February 2008 that he was unable to discuss at the April 2008 meeting secondary to a quorum of the committee not being present. He requested to discuss the allegation during closed session. Finally, Mr. Sutton reported he missed the January 2008 LHRC meeting secondary to being out of town and his proxy being on emergency medical leave. He apologized to the committee and requested that Paramount Youth Services be restored to permanent affiliation. A motion was made, seconded and approved that Paramount Youth Services be reinstated to permanent affiliation status.
6. New Life – Kimberly Gamble reported they are currently serving 24 intensive in-home clients within New Life. Mary's House has 4 residents. William Stallings Project has 0 residents. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
7. Family Systems II – Kimberly Gamble reported there are 100 clients receiving intensive in-home services. There are 13 clients in the mental health support program and one client receiving outpatient services. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues. Dr. Gamble reported that Family Systems II was requesting temporary affiliation for their therapeutic day treatment program. She distributed the behavioral management plan, rules of the program and policies and procedures. Dr. Gamble reported the program would be based in Suffolk, VA with the goal of providing direct support within the school system for students and families to promote academic goals. The program will support teachers and counselors. Individual and family therapy will be provided by QMHPs. They will not use restraints. Dr. Vaughan-Eden inquired about the staff to student ratio. Dr. Gamble reported she believed the ratio would be one staff to every six to seven students but was not sure. The ratio will be in compliance with Virginia Medicaid. Mr. Prost reported the SHRC had reviewed and approved the Human Rights policies and that the LHRC must also review them. The committee discussed the rules. A motion was made and seconded to approve the rules. The behavioral management plan will be reviewed and discussed during the October 2008 meeting. After Dr. Gamble's discussion, a motion

was made and seconded for the therapeutic day treatment program to be temporarily affiliated with the LHRC. Mr. Prost stated if the program were licensed prior to the October meeting, it would be eligible for permanent affiliation.

8. Vito Inc. – Angelo Morlino reported they are currently serving 82 in-home clients and 28-day support clients. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues
9. Family Net – James Lassiter reported they currently have 9 clients receiving in-home services. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
10. The Barry Robinson Center – In-home Services – Dr. Monica Manley reported 78 clients are receiving in-home services. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
11. 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. Also, the LHRC reviewed, moved, seconded and recommended to the State Human Rights Committee the continuation of the structured living variance in the BRC residential programs. Finally, the committee reviewed and discussed the FIT guidelines and made no changes or recommendations.

### **Executive Session**

A motion was made and passed that the LHRC enter into an Executive Session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (A) for the purpose of reviewing the allegation at Paramount Youth Services and 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 allegation at Paramount Youth Services or any of the occurrences at The Barry Robinson Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.