

LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Southside Regional Local Human Rights Committee
Meeting of October 27, 2006

*****FINAL*****

PRESENT

George Boothby, LHRC Chair
Barbara Parker, LHRC
Bobby Howlett, Jr. LHRC
Stewart Prost, Human Rights Advocate DMHMRSAS
Jeffrey Burns, Tidewater Psychotherapy Services
Jim Dekker, Finney Psychotherapy Associates
Sue Wilson, Pendleton Child Services Center
Shawn Ware–Avant, Paramount Youth Services
Nina Joyner, Family Systems II and New Life Programs
Mimi Sedjat, Vito, Inc.
Steven Waranch, Atlantic Psychiatric Services
Keith Josey, Family Net
Monica Manley, The Barry Robinson Center
Felix Johnson, The Barry Robinson Center

ABSENT

Mary Ann Jackson, LHRC
Lynette Jennings, LHRC
Douglas Ray, Franklin House

Chairperson George Boothby called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. He reported that LHRC members, Mary Ann Jackson and Lynette Jennings, had called before the meeting to state they would not be able to attend.

2007 Meeting Dates

The 2007 LHRC meeting dates are January 26, April 27, July 27 and October 26, 2007. Chairperson George Boothby reminded the Committee that his last meeting would be April 27, 2007. He will be retiring and relocating to North Carolina.

Minutes

The minutes of the July 28, 2006 meeting were reviewed and approved. Dr. Boothby also had everyone review page four of the minutes where absences from Local Human Rights Committee (LHRC) meetings were discussed. He reiterated that if a program representative misses a meeting and the absence is unexcused, that program could be dropped to a temporary affiliation for ninety (90) days or until the next meeting. Thus, when a representative misses a meeting, the LHRC will be sending a letter informing the person that the program is now temporarily affiliated with the LHRC and he/she must attend the next meeting or the temporary affiliation will expire. When the participant is present and provides the Committee with an explanation of their failure to comply with the affiliation agreement, then the LHRC will vote to reinstate them to a full affiliation status or continue the temporary status. Finally, Dr. Boothby reiterated that if a second unexcused absence occurs, the program will no longer be affiliated with the LHRC.

Advocate's Report

Stewart Prost provided everyone with the Fall edition of the State Newsletter entitled "Human Writes". He also informed program representatives that Dr. Boothby's position should be filled by April 2007. He emphasized the need for a healthcare individual to replace Dr.

Boothby. He also discussed the importance of interviewing individuals in January 2007. Mr. Prost reminded Ms. Parker that her first term will end in July of 2007 and that she has the option to apply for a second term on the LHRC. Mr. Prost informed everyone that there is a State Human Right's meeting being held today in Virginia Beach, Virginia, at the Virginia Beach Psychiatric Center.

Mr. Prost reported on the status of the regulations. The regulations are no longer in the Governor's office and are currently up for public comments until the end of November. Those who wish to comment on the regulations may either e-mail Margaret Walsh at www.margaret.walsh@co.dmhmrzas.virginia.gov or call the state office. Mr. Prost indicated that everything underlined online is new and, therefore, open for comment. He also stated that since the regulations will be open for public comments until the end of November 2006, the conference will probably be held next Fall to discuss the final regulations.

Mr. Prost informed the committee that the Office of Human Rights has new member training for LHRC members scheduled for November 14, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. until noon at the Southeastern Training Center in Chesapeake, VA. He indicated that Ms. Jennings and Mr. Howlett needed to attend training. He further stated that completing the training is necessary, especially if a member wants to be reappointed.

Mr. Prost briefly reported that Gianna Mitchell has successfully transitioned into Virginia Goodell's former position. In addition, he reported that Andrea Coleman, who was a contract staff member working 25 hours per week to assist with monitoring programs, is no longer with the office.

Program Reports

1. Pendleton Child Services Center – Sue Wilson reported they are currently serving 20 residents in the residential program and one client 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 65 clients in 7 substance abuse and regular groups. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues.
3. Finney Psychiatric Associates – Jim Dekker reported they are currently serving 11 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 18 patients in two intensive outpatient chemical dependency groups. There is one adolescent and one adult group. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues.
5. Paramount Youth Services – Shawn Ware-Avant reported they are currently serving 30 residents in four group homes. There were on restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues.
6. New Life – Nina Joyner reported they are currently serving 43 intensive in-home clients within New Life. Mary's House has 4 clients. Sister's House has 2 clients. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
7. Family Systems II – Nina Joyner reported there are 133 clients receiving intensive in-home services. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues. Ms.

Joyner reported that the William Stallings project has been written, however, it has been very difficult to find a location to start the project. She stated that once a location is identified, they will seek temporary affiliation with the LHRC. Mr. Prost reminded providers that whenever an existing program intends to add a service, it must submit the new service's program policies and procedures to the Office of Human Rights. Once the new program policies and procedures are approved, then they are able to seek temporary affiliation with the LHRC followed by a request for full affiliation.

8. Vito Inc. – Mimi Sedjat reported they are currently serving 58 families. Fifty-eight families are receiving in-home services, 17 clients are in day support, and 12 clients are receiving family care giving training. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues.
9. Family Net – Keith Josey reported they currently have 7 clients receiving in-home services. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues
10. Franklin House – No representative was present. No one called to report reason for nonattendance. The Committee made a motion and approved temporary affiliation. Chairperson, George Boothby, indicated Mr. Douglas Ray would be receiving a letter from the Committee indicating that their program had been dropped to temporary affiliation pending his explanation for failure to comply with the affiliation agreement.
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 during closed session.

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 Barry Robinson Center's incident reports.

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 convene 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 incidents to The Barry Robinson Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.