

LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Southside Regional Local Human Rights Committee
Meeting of October 31, 2007

*****FINAL*****

PRESENT

Mary Ann Jackson, LHRC Chair
Lynette Jennings, LHRC
Viola Vaughn-Eden, LHRC
Stewart Prost, Human Rights Advocate DMHMRSAS

ABSENT

Jeffrey Burns, Tidewater Psychotherapy Services
Jim Dekker, Finney Psychotherapy Associates
Steven Waranch, Atlantic Psychiatric Services
Olivia Robinson-Stagger, Family Net

Sue Wilson, Pendleton Child Services Center
Damon Sutton, Paramount Youth Services
Nina Joyner, Family Systems II and New Life Programs
Angelo Morlino, Vito, Inc.
Monica Manley, The Barry Robinson Center

Chairperson Mary Ann Jackson called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m.

2008 Meeting Dates

The 2008 Meeting Dates are January 25, April 25, July 25 and October 24, 2008.

Minutes

The minutes of the July 27, 2007 and October 26, 2007 meetings were reviewed and approved.

Advocate's Report

Stewart Prost informed the Committee that the new regulations went into effect on September 19, 2007. A memo was sent to all providers discussing the implementation and outlining what policies and procedures are to be reviewed and the implementation schedule. As of December 1, 2008, compliance and practices must be in accordance with revisions to the regulations. By March 1, 2008, any revisions to an organizations policies and procedures must be submitted to the Williamsburg Human Rights Office and an e-mail must be sent to Margaret Walsh indicating the revisions have been sent. He asked if providers had received an informational DVD in the mail from the Office of Human Rights. The providers indicated they had received and viewed the DVD.

Mr. Prost announced that training for providers would occur on October 10, 2007 at Eastern State Hospital and on November 6, 2007 at Central State Hospital and, via remote access, at Eastern State Hospital. He stated he would also provide training for the members of this committee after each scheduled meeting. His first training will be on January 25, 2008 and will address the Freedom of Information Act.

Mr. Prost announced that there are three new LHRCs. There is one on the Southside and two on the Peninsula. He stated one more might be forming on the Southside.

Mr. Prost reported he would be submitting to the State Human Rights Committee the recommendation from this committee for Dr. Parks-Savage and Dr. Dring to be appointed to the

Southside Regional Local Human Rights Committee.

Finally, Mr. Prost reminded the committee that any providers not present must be dropped to temporary affiliation until the next meeting when they provide an explanation for their absence. A motion was made, seconded, and approved that four providers be moved to temporary affiliation, Tidewater Psychotherapy Services, Finney Psychotherapy Associates, Atlantic Psychotherapy Services, & Family Net. Chairperson Mary Ann Jackson will be sending the four absent providers letters informing them of their temporary affiliation and opportunity to explain their absence at the next LHRC meeting. At that time, they may be reinstated to permanent affiliation.

Program Reports

1. Pendleton Child Services Center – Sue Wilson reported they are currently serving 19 residents in the residential program and 2 children in their day-treatment program. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues.
2. Tidewater Psychotherapy – Jeff Burns reported, via e-mail, they are currently serving 76 clients in 3 substance abuse groups and 5 regular groups. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues. Mr. Burns also reported, via e-mail, that they had their surprise review by Ed Gonzales and only had minor violations of standards and a corrective action plan has been submitted.
3. Finney Psychiatric Associates – No report.
4. Atlantic Psychiatric Services – Steven Waranch reported, via e-mail, that he was unable to attend.
5. Paramount Youth Services – Damon Sutton reported they are currently serving 30 residents in four group homes. There was one allegation in July that was unfounded and would be discussed during closed session.
6. New Life – Nina Joyner reported they are currently serving 86 intensive in-home clients within New Life. Mary's House has 2 residents. William Stallings Project has 3 residents. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues. She informed the Committee that they have received a variance to rename Sister's House to the William Stallings Project in which the same clinical services will be provided for adolescent males ages 13-17. They also received a provisional license. Ms. Joyner requested permanent affiliation of the Williams Stallings Project. The Committee moved, seconded and approved for the permanent affiliation of the Williams Stallings Project.
7. Family Systems II – Nina Joyner reported there are 159 clients receiving intensive in-home services. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues. Ms. Joyner also reported they had received a provisional license for the outpatient program and the mental health community support services program. A motion was made and seconded for the permanent affiliation of both. Mr. Prost asked Ms. Joyner to bring a copy of all new licenses to the next LHRC meeting.
8. Vito Inc. – Angelo Morlino reported they are currently serving 53 in-home clients, 27 day support clients and 2 clients are receiving family care giving training. Mr. Morlino reported they had one incident to discuss during closed session. Since they have not yet received the license for the new center-based day support program, he requested continued temporary affiliation for another 90 days. A motion was made and seconded for the program to be temporarily affiliated with the LHRC for an additional 90 days. Mr. Prost stated if the program were licensed prior to the January meeting, it would be eligible for

permanent affiliation.

9. Family Net – No report.
10. The Barry Robinson Center – In-home Services – Dr. Monica Manley reported 86 clients are receiving in-home services and 3 adolescents are participating in the outpatient substance abuse program. 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.

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 one allegation that occurred at Paramount Youth Center, one incident that occurred at Vito, Inc. 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 one allegation at Paramount Youth Center, the one incident at Vito, Inc. or any of the occurrences at The Barry Robinson Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.