

LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Southside Regional Local Human Rights Committee
Meeting of July 23, 2010

*****FINAL*****

PRESENT

Kathleen Dring, Psy.D., LHRC Chair
Sharon Liddle, LHRC
Elaine Martin, LHRC
Jean Bohnhoff, LHRC
Reginald Daye, Regional 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
Damon Sutton, Paramount Youth 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
April Liverman, Sarah's Place
Monica C. Manley, The Barry Robinson Center

ABSENT

Tracy Ferguson, LHRC
Stewart Prost, Human Rights Advocate DBHDS

Chairperson Kathleen Dring called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Tracy Ferguson called prior to the meeting and stated that she would not be present.

2010 Meeting Dates

Dr. Dring reviewed the remaining 2010 meeting date of October 22, 2010.

Minutes

The minutes of the April 23, 2010 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Advocate's Report

Reginald Daye reported the Office of Human Rights has been authorized to hire one advocate. Mr. Daye indicated they would start interviewing next week. Once selected, the new advocate will receive training and will not be able to work independently for approximately three months.

Mr. Daye reviewed the process for providers to add a new service or to expand a current service.

The process for adding a completely different service includes the following: 1) The provider must send a Human Rights Verification Form and Policies and Procedures to Margaret Walsh, 2) The provider must also notify the licensing specialist of the intent to add a new service, 3) Ms. Walsh will contact the Director of Licensing to make sure the department is aware and that the department is supportive of the new service, 4) If approved, Ms. Walsh will send a hard copy of the verification form to the provider and 5) The policies may be reviewed during the site visit.

The process for expanding services includes the following: 1) The provider must send a letter to Mr. Daye explaining intent with the name of the licensing specialist included and a statement that the program will come under the existing policy and procedures and behavioral management program (if applicable) already approved by the LHRC, 2) The provider will notify

the licensing specialist, 3) Mr. Daye will contact the licensing specialist for approval, 4)The provider must send copies of the letter to the LHRC committee members.

Mr. Daye reported there are currently 26 LHRCs in this region, which is region 5. In addition, this region has the most new providers with Richmond being second. There is now a cap on how many LHRCs are allowed in one region.

Mr. Daye reminded the committee members that they should have received a letter from the Office of Human Rights dated June 25, 2010 requesting their feedback. He encouraged all members to respond as soon as possible.

Program Reports

1. Pendleton Child Services Center – Sue Wilson reported they are currently serving 18 residents in the residential program and 2 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 53 clients in 7 intensive outpatient and substance abuse groups. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues.
3. Finney Psychiatric Associates – Roseann Smith reported they are currently serving 15 adult clients in their intensive outpatient chemical dependency program and relapse prevention program. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues.
4. Atlantic Psychiatric Services – No report. A motion was made, seconded and approved that Atlantic Psychiatric Services be moved to temporary affiliation. Chairperson Kathleen Dring will be sending Allison Zoll a letter informing her of their temporary affiliation and opportunity to explain her absence at the next LHRC meeting. At that time, Atlantic Psychiatric Services may be reinstated to permanent affiliation.
5. Paramount Youth Services – Damon Sutton reported they are currently serving 16 clients in 4 group homes. There was one allegation that Mr. Damon requested to discuss during closed session.
6. New Life –Mary's House has 3 residents. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
7. Family Systems II – Nina Joyner reported there are 96 clients receiving intensive in-home services. There are 19 clients receiving mental health support and 22 clients in the therapeutic day treatment program. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.

Ms. Joyner requested permanent affiliation for their Norfolk Office at 850 Tidewater Drive to serve as an additional Day Treatment site for Suffolk students. A motion was made, seconded and approved to grant permanent affiliation for their Norfolk Office as an additional Day Treatment site. Ms. Joyner requested temporary affiliation for a new Day Treatment site at I.C. Norcorm High School in Portsmouth, VA. A motion was made, seconded and approved to grant temporary affiliation for I. C. Norcorm as a new Day Treatment site.

8. Vito Inc. – Terry Stratton reported they are currently serving 48 in-home clients and 43-day support clients. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues. He requested to continue temporary affiliation for a Day Support Program in VA Beach, VA and a new office in Newport News, VA. A motion was made, seconded and approved that the Day Treatment program in VA Beach and the office in Newport News, VA

continue temporary affiliation.

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- No report. A motion was made, seconded and approved that Dominion Psychiatric Associates, PLLC-Turning Point be moved to temporary affiliation. Chairperson Kathleen Dring will be sending Ms. Lidstrum a letter informing her of their temporary affiliation and opportunity to explain her absence at the next LHRC meeting. At that time, Dominion Psychiatric Associates, PLLC-Turning Point may be reinstated to permanent affiliation.
11. Sarah's Place- Shawnta Wright reported they have one client in their group home. Ms. Wright requested permanent affiliation for their group home. A motion was made, seconded and approved to grant the group home permanent affiliation.
12. The Barry Robinson Center – HomeBase Services – Monica Manley reported 57 clients are receiving in-home services. 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.

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 one 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 the occurrences at The Barry Robinson Center.

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 a.m.