

LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Southside Regional Local Human Rights Committee
Meeting of July 22, 2011

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PRESENT

Kathleen Dring, Psy.D., LHRC Chair
Elaine Martin, LHRC
Jean Bohnhoff, LHRC Secretary
Stewart Prost, Human Rights Advocate DBHDS
Jeffrey Burns, Tidewater Psychotherapy Services
Roseann Smith, Finney Psychotherapy Associates
Damon Sutton, Paramount Youth Services
Nina Joyner, New Life Programs and Family Systems II
Angelo Morlino, Vito, Inc.
Susan Wilson, Pendleton Child Services Center
James Lassiter, Family Net
April Liverman, Sarah's Place
Rebecca Wood, Dominion Psychiatric, PLLC-Turning Point
Vonda Alston, One Vision and Associates
Monica C. Manley, The Barry Robinson Center

ABSENT

Tracy Ferguson, LHRC

Chairperson Kathleen Dring called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Tracy Ferguson called prior to the meeting and stated that she would not be present.

2011 Meeting Dates

Dr. Dring reminded everyone that October 28, 2011 is the next meeting date.

Minutes

The minutes of the April 22, 2011 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Advocate's Report

Stewart Prost reported a new human rights advocate has been hired and the Office is hoping to hire another advocate. Mr. Prost reported the Office of Human Rights has moved to the main adult mental health building at Eastern State Hospital. He also reported Dennis Riddick and Ed Gonzales will have offices at the South Eastern Training Center in Chesapeake, VA.

Mr. Prost passed out and reviewed the Provider Quarterly and Annual Reporting forms of Human Rights Activities. He also informed everyone that the forms are available at the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services website. Providers must start completing the forms in October 2011. He stated the information should be detailed without names to ensure anonymity. Mr. Prost indicated the forms must be received by the committee two weeks prior to the meeting. Dr. Dring requested that since the next meeting is on October 28, 2011 that all reports be submitted by October 14, 2011 at 12:00 noon. The reports must be submitted as an attachment to dhenock@barryrobinson.org. Ms. Henock will forward the reports to the committee members and Mr. Prost by 5:00 pm the same day.

Mr. Prost requested that all providers review and sign the Local Human Rights

Committee and Affiliated Provider Cooperative Agreement. The Office of Human Rights will maintain a copy of all agreements.

Mr. Prost reported the state is still trying to transition to a computer-based reporting called the Comprehensive Human Rights Information System (CHRIS).

Mr. Prost reported our current committee has one vacancy and a candidate will be interviewed today. He reminded everyone of the changes for reporting to the State Human Rights Committee whenever there is an opening in a mandated position. The mandated positions include 2 consumers and one healthcare provider out of 5 members.

Mr. Prost reviewed the process for adding a new service or location. When adding a new service, the provider must submit human rights policies and procedures with a provider verification form to Margaret Walsh. Prior to the service being put into place, the provider must request a service modification from licensing and get an affiliation with a local human rights committee (LHRC) simultaneously. The provider must submit to the LHRC a program description, a letter requesting affiliation, a copy of the letter from Margaret Walsh, a copy of the proposed Program Rules, Human Rights Policies & Procedures and Behavior Management Policies to the LHRC. Once the information is received, the LHRC can vote to grant affiliation. When adding a new location, the provider must write a letter to Reginald Daye with the address and telephone number of the new location, state that the location will fall under the existing human rights policies and procedures and send the letter to a LHRC to request affiliation. Once the letter is received, the new location is granted affiliation with the LHRC.

Program Reports

1. Pendleton Child Services Center – Sue Wilson reported they are currently serving 19 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 58 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 26 adult clients in their intensive outpatient chemical dependency program and relapse prevention program. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues. Ms. Smith reported they will start an adolescent intensive outpatient program which she believes falls under their current license. She will verify the information before proceeding.
4. Paramount Youth Services – Damon Sutton reported they are serving 13 residents in their group homes. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues.
5. New Life – Nina Joyner reported Mary's House has 2 residents. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues. Ms. Joyner reported the closed William Stallings Project group home for boys will reopen. She will add the location to the existing Mary's House policies and procedures.

6. Family Systems II – Nina Joyner reported there are 92 clients receiving intensive in-home services. There are 25 clients receiving mental health support and 37 clients in the therapeutic day treatment program. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.

Ms. Joyner requested permanent affiliation for the new Day Treatment sites at Olive Branch Elementary School and Churchland Middle School in Portsmouth, VA and Kilby Shores Elementary School and Booker T. Washington Elementary School in Suffolk, VA. A motion was made, seconded and approved to grant permanent affiliation for the stated schools. She also requested that the following schools be removed from permanent affiliation: Mack Benn Elementary School, Mount Zion Elementary School, Holland Elementary School, John Yeates Middle School and Kings Fork Middle School in Suffolk, VA. A motion was made, seconded and approved to remove the stated schools from affiliation with the LHRC.

7. Vito Inc. – Angelo Morlino reported they are currently serving 50 in-home clients and 42-day support clients. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
8. Family Net – James Lassiter reported they currently have 6 clients receiving in-home services. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
9. Dominion Psychiatric Associates, PLLC-Turning Point- Rebecca Wood reported they are currently serving 12 clients in their Intensive Outpatient Chemical Dependency Program. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
10. Sarah's Place- April Liverman reported they currently have one resident in their group home.
12. One Vision and Associates- Vonda Alston reported they are still pending licensure and currently have no clients at this time.
13. The Barry Robinson Center – HomeBase Services – Monica Manley reported 48 clients are receiving in-home services. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
14. 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. Monica Manley reminded the committee that the Center discontinued using the gurney and mechanical restraints in December 2010.

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 Barry Robinson Center's occurrence report and interviewing applicant Dana Steele for the LHRC.

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 occurrences at The Barry Robinson Center. A motion was made, seconded and approved that the Committee would recommend that applicant Dana Steele be approved to become a Southside Regional Local Human Rights Committee member.

There was no public comment. The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.