

Suffolk Regional Local Human Rights Committee

Tuesday, September 9, 2008

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Members Present:	Sylvia Capehart-Paige, Chair	
	Jacqueline Blackett, Secretary	
	Denise N. Tynes	
	Joan Edwards	
Members Absent:	None	
Other Persons Present:	Reginald Daye, Regional Advocate	Mr. Steven Alexander
Affiliated Programs Present:	1. Baker's Home, Inc. Claudette B. Jones & Debora Lawyer	7. Quality Care Community Services, Inc. Joe Ann Lawrence & April Campbell
	2. Better Care Family Homes, Inc. Lottie M. Watson	8. Rehobeth Residence Cheral W. Dixon
	3. Braley & Thompson, Inc. Kelly Bobbitt	9. Visions Community Services, Inc. Eulamae R. Myers & Iris Blocker
	4. CSTO, Inc. Pierre Dugue & Laverne Price	10. Western Tidewater CSB Cheryl T. Collier
	5. Obici Hospital Lynne Whitlock	11. Zuni Presbyterian Homes, Richard Turner & Byron Nagle, Jr.
	6. Quality Community Support, Inc. Sabrina Porter & Jay Glover	

The meeting was called to order at 8:37 am by Ms. Paige. The first order of business was to review the minutes from the June 3, 2008 meeting. One change was made to the minutes. This was to change the city from Suffolk to Smithfield where Mrs. Tynes was elected to the town council. The minutes were approved with the noted modification.

Old Business: There was no old business

Comments from the public: There were no outsiders present at the meeting.

Financial Update: Our treasurer, Mrs. Sabrina Porter reported that \$62.21 was the total expenses used for the 3rd quarter. Our current balance in the account is \$3536.67.

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Chair Comments: Elect new officers for term. The following positions were voted upon. Ms. Paige was reelected Chair, Jacqueline Blackett Vice Chair, and Joan Edward's secretary. Positions will run for one year.

Next topic discussed was the Affiliation Agreement. No new changes were made. As reviewed in writing in the agreement, the treasurers (CSTO, Inc. and Quality Community Support, Inc.) will be exempt from paying the yearly fee (\$100) effective September 9th. The committee reviewed and approved the Affiliation Agreement.

The Affiliation Agreement will be reviewed in September yearly.

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Regional Advocate's Report: Mr. Alexander is here today to be interviewed for vacant position on the committee. Mr. Daye gave notice to concerning an upcoming HR Training on September 17th at (SEVTC). Two training events on the same day, one geared toward the providers affiliated with the Colonial Regional LHRC and the other toward all new LHRC members in the region-

There will be no conference this year.

There are 3 new LHRC committees being formulated in this region. There is a need for consumers to serve on the committees.

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Program Updates:

Baker's Home, Inc.	During this reporting period, there were no complaints of human rights violations or complaints of abuse, neglect or exploitation. Also, there was no use of behavior management. We currently have 45 consumers in our Mental Health Support program, and 39 consumers in our Psychosocial Rehabilitation program. The programs are in good standing with Licensing and this committee. Another 90-day extension for the partial hospitalization program was requested and granted.
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Better Care Family Homes, Inc. & Carlisle Estates	For this reporting period Better Care Family Homes/Carlisle Estates/Carlisle Ranch had no reports of neglect or exploitation. There were no implementations of time out, behavior management, or human rights violations this quarter. Presently we are in good standing with Licensure and this committee.
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Braley & Thompson, Inc.	We have no consumers in our outpatient mental health program at this time. There were no incidents of consumer right's violations this reporting period.
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CSTO, Inc.	Currently providing in-home services to 36 consumers. The Kempsville Group home is now licensed. To date, CSTO, Inc. has had no seclusions, restraints, nor allegations of abuse. CSTO, Inc. also did not have any formal nor informal complaints. CSTO, Inc. is in good standing with the LHRC. Permanent affiliation was requested and granted.
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Obici Hospital	There were no complaints made regarding human rights violations during the quarter. Seclusions and Restraints: April 2008 – 4 seclusions, 0 restraints May 2008 – 4 seclusions, 1 restraint June 2008 – 3 seclusions, 0 restraints Quarterly total – 11 seclusions, 1 restraint Sentara Obici Hospital is currently in good standing with the Suffolk Regional LHRC.
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Quality Community Support, Inc.	Requested another 90-day extension for Mental Health Support Program, and Permanent affiliation for the in-home program. Requests were granted. There were no human rights violations for this quarter. We are in good standing with Licensure and this committee.
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Quality Care Community Services, Inc,	There were no complaints of human rights violations or use of restraints. We are in good standing with Licensure and this committee.
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Rehobeth Residence	There were no incidents of consumer right's violations this reporting period. We are in good standing with Licensure and this committee.
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Visions Community Services, Inc.	There was 1 founded, complaint, and 2 cases of abuse, 1 of which was founded. Visions continue to provide services to 12 consumers in our day program. Also we serve 10 active homes with consumers in each. At this time we are requesting affiliation for 13 sponsored homes, there are nine consumers who have requested placement in our Sponsored Residential Program and awaiting affiliation from our LHRC. Three homes needed to be removed from the list. 2 because of death (P. Worthy & B. Seymour) E. Wilson's home was not up to par. Permanent affiliation granted for two homes. Temporary affiliation was granted for 12 homes.
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Western Tidewater CSB	For this quarter, There was 1 verbal complaint, (still pending investigation) 1 founded case of exploitation, and 2 deaths. WTCSB is in good standing with all agency programs with the exception of 1 program awaiting licensing renewal.
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Zuni Presbyterian Homes	There are 2 openings on the Zuni campus in Roughton House. 1 for a woman and the other for a man. There was 1 human right's complaint during the last quarter. Roughton House has a new Program/Case Manager, Mr. Richard Turner.
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With no further open business, the LHRC voted to go into closed session at 9:36am, per VA. Code 2.2-3711A, to review human rights violations, client complaints, abuse, serious incidents, and deaths in the following programs: CSTO, Inc., Obici Hospital, Visions Community Services, Western Tidewater CSB, and Zuni Presbyterian Homes, and to conduct an interview of a nominee for membership on the committee.

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The committee voted to come out of closed session. Upon reconvening in open session, each member certified that the only things discussed while in closed session was the above referenced topics.

LHRC Actions:

CSTO, Inc - no recommendations were made.

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Visions - LHRC request update at the next meeting on the resident abuse case, involving the client (K) in the Day Treatment Program.

ZUNI - LHRC voted to recommend that the program discuss the incident with the client and why the staff's actions were not acceptable, if this has not been done already.

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WTCSB - the LHRC suggested that the CSB obtain and review the school's code of conduct as it applies to the students as well as staff and visitors, since the CSB's staff is providing services during school hours on site.

Sentara Obici Hospital - No recommendations were made.

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The LHRC voted to recommend to the State Human Rights Committee the appointment of Mr. Steven Alexander for membership on the Suffolk Regional LHRC.

The LHRC adjourned the meeting at 11:45am.

The next Suffolk Regional LHRC meeting will be held on December 2, 2008 at 8:30 am at Western Tidewater CSB.