

# Suffolk Regional Local Human Rights Committee

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

## MINUTES

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<b>Members Present:</b>	Steven Alexander	
	Jacqueline Blackett, Chair	
	Joan Edwards, Secretary	
	Denise N. Tynes- Vice Chair	
<b>Members Absent:</b>	Sharon Butcher	
<b>Other Persons Present:</b>	Reginald Daye, Regional Advocate	
<b>Affiliated Programs Present:</b>	1. Baker's Home, Inc. Claudette B. Jones & Debora Lawyer	7. Quality Community Support, Inc. Sabrina Porter & Jay Glover
	2. Better Care Family Homes, Inc. Lottie M. Walton ( <b>absent</b> )	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 Dana Miller	11. Zuni Presbyterian Homes, Richard Turner & Byron Nagle, Jr.
	6. Quality Care Community Services, Inc. Joe Ann Lawrence & April Campbell	

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 am by Jacqueline Blackett. The first order of business was to review the minutes from the March 31<sup>st</sup> meeting. The following corrections were made: Lynne Whitlock's name was removed from Obici Hospital's roster, and changed to the correct representative, Dana Miller. In addition, the LHRC meeting date was updated from December 2<sup>nd</sup> to December 1<sup>st</sup>. With the noted modifications, the minutes were approved.

**Old Business:** There was no old business

**Comments from the public:** There was no one from the public present at the meeting.

**Financial Update:** Our treasurer reported that \$3043.31 is our current balance. Committee members that have unpaid mileage will submit the receipts to the

treasurer for reimbursement.

**Chair Comments:** None

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**Regional Advocate’s Report:** Mr. Daye reiterated that effective July 1<sup>st</sup> the department will no longer be referred to as DMHMRSAS, but rather by its new name: The Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services. Our Department and many other providers, throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia, are replacing the term “MR” with the term intellectual disability. Mr. Daye advised all of the affiliates to update their posters with the Department’s new name effective 07/01/2009.

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<b>Program Updates:</b>	
Baker’s Home, Inc.	During this reporting period, there were no complaints of human rights violations, complaints of abuse, neglect or exploitation. Also, there was no use of behavior management. We currently have one hundred and one (101) consumers in our Mental Health Support program. Two (2) consumers were discharged after being placed in a nursing home. We currently have forty-one (41) consumers in our Psychosocial Rehabilitation program. Two (2) consumers were discharged after being placed in a nursing home. We are requesting renewal of our ninety day (90) temporary affiliations for our Psychosocial Rehabilitations program in Norfolk, VA; our children’s service programs, and for the Partial Hospitalization program. We are still waiting for a visit from Licensing. The programs are in good standing with Licensing and this committee. The committee granted an extended 90-day temporary affiliation for the Partial Hospitalization program, and granted a 90-day affiliation for the children and psychosocial programs.

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Better Care Family Homes, Inc. & Carlisle Estates	There was no representative present at the meeting. Consequently, Better Care Family Homes, Inc. & Carlisle Estates was dropped to a 90-day affiliation for lack of attendance, by a unanimous vote of the LHRC.
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Braley & Thompson, Inc.	Braley & Thompson currently has 3 consumers in its outpatient mental health program. There have been no incidents of human right’s violations this reporting period. Braley & Thompson requested a renewal of the 90-day temporary affiliation for the MH support service. The committee voted to grant the extension.
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CSTO, Inc.	We are currently providing in-home services to 35 consumers. The Kempsville Group home has 1 resident. CSTO, Inc. and Kempsville group home have had no incidents involving restraints or seclusions, nor allegations of abuse. There were a couple of incidents that have occurred with our consumers. However, those incidents were not allegations of abuse, seclusion or restraint related. On May 6 <sup>th</sup> and May 8 <sup>th</sup> two DMAS representatives were at CSTO, Inc. to audit our files. There were a few recommendations. Overall, our files were well presentable. CSTO, Inc. is in good standing with the LHRC.
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Obici Hospital	There were no complaints made regarding human rights violations during the 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter of 2009. <b>Seclusions and Restraints:</b> January 2009 – 8 seclusions, 0 restraints February 2009 – 1 seclusion, 0 restraints March 2009 – 5 seclusions, 2 restraint Quarterly total – 14 seclusions, 2 restraints There are no other issues to be addressed at this time. Sentara Obici Hospital is currently in good standing with the Suffolk Regional LHRC.
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Quality Care Community Services, Inc,	There were 0 complaints of human rights violations this quarter. We are in good standing with Licensure and this committee.
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Quality Community Support, Inc.	We are currently providing in-home supported living services to 18 consumers, companion aide services to 1 consumer, intensive in-home services to 40 clients, and home health services to 4. For this quarter, QCS had no formal or informal complaints, incidents of abuse, neglect, exploitation, or implementation of behavior management. Within the past quarter, QCS has passed a licensure visit for the intensive in-home program. QCS has also passed a Medicaid visit for the supported living program. We are currently in good standing with Licensure and this committee.
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Rehobeth Residence	For this reporting period, there were no incidents of consumer right's violations. We are in good standing with Licensure and this committee. We are requesting a renewal of our 90-day, temporary affiliation for our
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	Sponsored Residential program. The committee voted to grant the extension.
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Visions Community Services, Inc.	There were 0 complaints in this quarter. Visions continue to provide day support services at center base and community level to 15 consumers. Visions currently have 33 homes, each home has been granted permanent affiliation. 1 home was closed on 4/10 (1104 Sir Lancelot Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23323). We are requesting a 90-day affiliation for three (3) new homes. 7 Toledo Ct., Hampton, VA; 829 Westminster Lane, VA Beach, VA. And 1412 Campostella Rd., Chesapeake, VA The committee voted to grant a 90 day temporary affiliation for the three added homes.
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Western Tidewater CSB	For this quarter, There was 1 verbal complaint, it was founded (the employee was terminated). 1 Death that did not occur in WTCSB programs (community partner reported to staff that individual passed at home). There were 5 behavior incidents (staff used Applied Crisis Training Techniques). WTCSB is requesting affiliation for Gabriel's Place, a five bed group home at 805 Jefferson St., in Suffolk, VA. The committee voted to grant a 90-day temporary affiliation for Gabriel's Place. WTCSB is in good standing with all the LHRC and licensure.
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Zuni Presbyterian Homes	During the past quarter, there were no Human Right's violations or complaints during this reporting period. We have 1 opening on the campus for a male.
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The committee voted new officers for the 2009-2010 calendar years. Jacqueline Blackett was elected the Chair, Steven Alexander Vice Chair, and Joan Edwards was re-elected as Secretary. The positions will go into effect July 1, 2009 thru June 30, 2010.

Visions Community Services will now assume the responsibilities of taking the minutes beginning September 8, 2009.

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With no further open business at 9:28am, the LHRC voted to go into closed session per VA. Code 2.2-3711A, to review human rights violations, client complaints, abuse, serious incidents, and deaths in the following program: Western Tidewater CSB.

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 topic.

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For the year 2009, our upcoming meetings will be held on 3/3, 6/2, 9/8 and 12/1 at 8:30am at Western Tidewater CSB.

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