

SUFFOLK REGIONAL LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes from
Tuesday, June 5th 2007

Committee Members Present:

Reginald Daye, Regional Advocate
Sylvia Capehart-Paige, Chairperson
Doris Peterkin, Vice Chair
Jacqueline Blackett, Secretary

Affiliated Programs Present:

Baker's Home, Inc.-*Claudette Jones, & Debora Lawyer*
Better Care Family Homes, Inc & Carlisle Estates- *Lottie Walton*
Braley & Thompson, Inc.-*Beth Simons*
Community Supported Training Organization, Inc.- Mike Ebong Pierre Dugue
Obici Hospital-*Dana Miller*
Quality Care Community Services, Inc-*Joe Ann Lawrence*
Rehobeth Residence-*Cheral Dixon*
Visions Community Services, Inc.- *Eula Myers, Michelle Middleton, Ciara Fatler*
WTCSB- Licianne Warren
Zuni Presbyterian Homes-*Jackie Lankford*

The Local Human Rights Committee meeting was called to order at 8:30 am by chairperson, Ms.Capehart-Paige.

The minutes of the March 6th 07 LHRC meeting were reviewed and approved with the noted modifications:

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

CSTO will have to provide a behavioral report to the committee. The committee granted temporary affiliation to CSTO for their new site Kempsville house. CSTO also introduced to the committee their new representative, who will be attending the meetings.

Due to an emergency Quality Community Support,Inc was not in attendance. Because they did not have a representative there, the committee voted to move them to temporary affiliation.

LHRC granted WTCSB temporary approval for use of security cameras at the Day Support Program pending submission of policy to the Regional Advocate and the LHRC. If the Regional Advocate finds the policy in compliance with human rights regulations then the program may implement camera use with full approval WTCSB will submit the policies at the next meeting.

The committee voted to grant temporary affiliation to Vision's fifteen new homes. Vision will provide an update to Mr. Daye at our next meeting, due to an emergency that she had to attend to. The human rights committee approved them.

Mrs. Peterkin told everyone about the volunteer luncheon that she and Mrs. Blackett attended at the Stonewall Jackson hotel in Staunton, Virginia. She stated that they had a good time.

The facilities voted to increase the mileage cost from 36.5 cents per mile to 48.5 cent per mile effective as of April 3rd, 07.

Update from Mr. Daye: The committee has received one applicant for the available space on the committee. They will be interviewing, also Mr. daye has stated that if you are adding another service you need to send a letter indicating that it will be coming under your license. If you are adding a new service that is different then you will need to develop new policies and procedures. Once approval is given you must submit these policies. Licensure will be asking if you have affiliation and if your policies and procedures have been approved. The conference is scheduled for September 7, 2007. The welcoming reception will be held on September 6th from 7:00pm-9:00pm. No location has been given, other possible dates for the conference is Sept 12th with welcoming reception Sept 11th, Oct 9th and 10th location will be discussed. Space is limited and training topics for the conference have not been identified yet.

Financial Report:

The financial report was given, with copies distributed to all Affiliates. The current balance as of this meeting is \$3,509.51 though it appears that the balance is not accurate. Also, according to the report, it reflects that Bakers Home, CSTO & Quality Community Supports are the only affiliates that have paid their annual dues. Rehobeth & Braley & Thompson will be contacting Ms. Ingraham because their payment of the annual dues was not reflected in the report Obici paid their dues at the last meeting. Any affiliates who have not paid their annual dues are out of compliance with the Committee. Based on Mr. Daye's recommendation, the Committee voted not to accept the financial report until noted correction were made.

Facility Reports:

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 have thirty-four (34) consumers in our Mental Health Support program. Three consumers were discharged Two of these consumers were hospitalized and one left the area. We have twenty-four (24) consumers in our Psychosocial Rehabilitation program. Three (3) consumers were discharged after leaving

the area, two of these consumers were hospitalized and one left the area. The programs are in good standing with Licensing and the Committee.

Better Care Family Homes, Inc./Carlisle Estates: During this quarter, there were no incidents of behavior management implementations or time outs; the program is in good standing with Licensing and the Committee.

Braley & Thompson, Inc.: We have one (1) consumer in our outpatient mental health program at this time. There were no incidents or consumer rights violations during this reporting period. In the upcoming months we are looking to hire an OMH Coordinator.

Community Supported Training Organization, Inc.: Community Supported Training Organization Incorporated is a supportive in-home program that is currently providing services to 22 consumers. CSTO, Inc. has had no incidents involving seclusions, restraints, nor allegations of abuse.

Obci Hospital: Sentara Obici Hospital is currently in good standing with the Suffolk Regional LHRC. There were no complaints made regarding human rights violation during the 1st Quarter of 2007

The Office of Human Rights completed a site visit on February 15, 2007. A corrective action plan for areas of noncompliance was submitted and approved, with all recommended actions taken.

Seclusion and Restraints:

January 07-12 seclusions, 3 restraints

February 07- 2 seclusion, 2 restraints

March 07- 2 seclusion, 1 restraint

Quarterly total: 16 seclusion, 6 restraints

In March 07, Sentara Healthcare submitted a letter of intent to submit a proposal to participate in the Region V reinvestment project on a per diem basis.

There are no other issues to be addressed at this time.

Quality Care Community Services, Inc.: During this reporting period, there were no complaints of human rights violations or complaints of abuse or neglect. Quality Care does not use seclusion or mechanical restraints with our individuals. We are currently in good standing with LHRC.

Quality Community Supports, Inc: No report was submitted

Rehobeth: For this quarter Rehobeth had an allegation of abuse, CPS, Licensure as well as Human Rights were notified and involved in the process. Our agency has founded this incident as neglect on the behalf of the staff member involved. All necessary forms, documentations and findings were forwarded to each regulatory agency.

Visions Community Services, Inc. There were no complaints or human rights violation. Also there were no abuse or neglect complaints for this reporting period. Currently we have moved our Day Support Program to it's new location at 5190 Cleveland Street, Virginia Beach, Va 23462 all consumers seem very pleased with their new location. We also continue to provide Sponsored Placement Services all homes that are currently opened are doing well. At this time we are asking the committee to allow us permanent to allow us permanent affiliation for an additional 13 Sponsored Homes that have all been certified under Vision Community Services policy and procedures and certified under our approved Human Rights Policy and Procedures and DMHMRSAS Finale Rules and Regulations. Human Rights, Mr. Daye and Licensure Specialist, Mr. Lee have been provided all listing of homes. Visions remains in good standing with dues compliance to committee.

WTCSB: Report was submitted for the reporting period of March 6, 2007-through June 5th, 2007. There was one (2) incident of death with the finding of 1 appears natural, 1 the result of injuries from being hit by a car. There was 1 incident of Exploitation that is pending. (1) One breaching boundaries with a consumer, which was founded. The matter has been resolved. All total (2) Behavior Incidents (2) Deaths

Zuni Presbyterian Homes: We currently have 42 residents on our campus. We discharged a lady and a gentleman, this quarter. We are in the process of admitting two more residents to the program. We paid our dues to the local LHRC this quarter. We had no allegations of abuse or neglect this quarter.

Annual dues/process: Make checks payable to "Suffolk LHRC Affiliates" and send to:

Quality Community Supports, Inc.
C/o Heather Ingraham
Pembroke One Building
281 Independence Boulevard
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462

One vacancy remains on the Committee. Visions Community Services has a recommendation for a representative. She will be interviewed today.

The Local Human Rights Committee then voted to go into closed session, pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2-3711A to review reports on allegations of human rights violation, abuse, neglect, and serious incidents from the following programs: WTCSB, and Rehobeth Residence Inc

The Committee voted to come out of closed session, and upon reconvening in open session, each member certified that the only thing discussed while in closed session was the above referenced items for, WTCSB, and Rehobeth Residence Inc

There were no recommendations for WTCSB. The LHRC requested a status report from Visions for Mr. G.

It was determined that the next committee meeting will be held on Sept 11th 2007 at 8:30 a.m. The meeting is scheduled to be held at Western Tidewater Community Services Board.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.