

SUFFOLK REGIONAL LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes for
Tuesday, June 27, 2006

Committee Members Present:

Reginald Daye, Regional Advocate
Sylvia Capehart-Paige
Doris Peterkin
Jacqueline Blackett
Denise N. Tynes

Affiliated Programs Present:

Baker's Home, Inc.-*Claudette Jones & Debora Lawyer*
Better Care Family Homes, Inc & Carlisle Estates-*Jessica Ismael*
Braley & Thompson, Inc.-*Beth Simons*
Community Supported Training Organization, Inc.-*Pierre Dugue*
Quality Care Community Services, Inc-*Joe Ann Lawrence*
Quality Community Supports, Inc- *Deborah Osborne & Heather Ingraham*
Rehobeth Residence, Inc.-*Cheral Dixon*
Visions Community Services, Inc.-*Dorothy Johnson & Eulaneae Myers*
WTCSB- *Darilene Rawls for Sheila Hunt*
Zuni Presbyterian Homes-*Jackie Lankford*

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

New committee member, Denise Tynes, was introduced to other committee members and affiliates.

The minutes of the March 28, 2006 LHRC meeting were reviewed and approved with the exception to adding the name of the affiliates present beside the program they are representing.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

WTCSB submitted to the Committee for review and approval their policy concerning "Security and Monitoring." After the residential supervisor presented the policy to the Committee, members voted that the policy be approved with the exception noting that the fire system is set 24 hours a day.

In addition, WTCSB's "Rules of Conduct" were modified and approved by the committee members.

Community Supported Training Org., Inc. made an amendment to their HR policy regarding behavioral management and the use of restraint. Mr. Daye received the new policy; however, committee members did not. Mr. Daye has approved the change, though the Committee needs implementation of the policy.

Each facility was asked to give their reports.

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-eight (38) consumers in our Mental Health Support program. Two (2) consumers were discharged. We have twenty-nine (29) consumers in our Psychosocial Rehabilitation program. One (1) consumer was discharged. The programs are in good standing with Licensing and the Committee.

Better Care Family Homes, Inc./Carlisle Estates: For this reporting period, Better Care Family Homes Inc. did not have any incidents of behavioral management implementation or time outs. All of the consumers are currently in good health. We are also asking for a continued temporary affiliation for Carlisle Ranch Non Centered Day Program.

Braley & Thompson, Inc.: We have two (2) consumers in our outpatient mental health program at this time. There were no incidents or consumer rights violations during this reporting period.

Community Supported Training Organization, Inc.: Community Supported Training Organization Incorporated has not experienced any incidents of abuse allegations, nor restraints, nor seclusions. CSTO Inc. currently has a total of eleven (11) consumers. CSTO Inc. will discuss the committee's recommendation during the closed session.

Quality Care Community Services, Inc.: Quality Care has received its tri-annual license. Currently we have ten (10) clients and two (2) discharges. There have been no allegations of abuse or incidents at this time.

Quality Community Supports, Inc.: For this reporting period, the QCS program has no implementation of time out, behavior management, or complaints of abuse, neglect, or exploitation. We serve seventeen (17) consumers for supported living and three (3) for respite services. Presently, we are in good standing with the Suffolk Regional Local Human Rights Committee. Please note a correction on the roster as Sebrina Green-Hick is Program Director

Rehobeth Residence, Inc.: For this reporting period, Rehobeth had no incidents of human rights violations. Rehobeth will be closing on its 3rd location this Thursday, June 29th. This home like the other two, will house six (6) consumers.

Visions Community Services, Inc.: For this reporting period, there were no complaints and no complaints founded as human rights violations. There were no abuse/neglect allegations, no founded abuse/neglect allegations, and no unfounded abuse/neglect allegations. Significant changes in services delivered by your program (i.e.: new services(s) or services(s) that have been stopped): Visions Community Services Inc. continues to operate Day Support Waiver Services for five (5) consumers and will be receiving one (1) additional consumer starting July 5, 2006. My licensing Specialist awaiting his site visit has given us verbal approval for the program to become center base, which will be located at 5500 Gosling Court, Virginia Beach, VA 23462. Visions also currently have five (5) Sponsored Residential Homes approved by the state since approval services have been provided for three (3) consumers. Currently one male consumer requested return to Group Home setting and was discharged on May 23, 2006 also one female has recently been discharged on June 22, 2006 as per the provider's request due do some medical concerns. Our last consumer that came into services had a behavior outburst on June 5, 2006. The incident was reported to Licensing Specialist and Mr. Daye's office. On July 1, 2006 two (2) female (mother & daughter) consumers will be coming into service. Also Visions has a new Q&A Director for the Sponsored Residential Homes, Ms. Dorothy Johnson. Mr. Barry Lee is the name of our Licensing Specialist. Visions financial status with Committee is in good standing. The Review by Human Rights-few minor corrections-completed-for Day Support, informed by HR inspector that he will return for review of sponsored homes program in July 2006. Vision has been licensed by for three (3) years.

WTCSB: Report was submitted for the reporting period of March 26, 2006 through June 26, 2006. There was one (1) behavior incident which was founded.

Zuni Presbyterian Homes: Jackie Lankford is Program Case Manager. We currently have 43 residents, therefore we are at full capacity. Deborah Banks and Bill Milten are currently co-interim directors. We are currently waiting approval on our Standards to Live By form submitted by our agency. There are two (2) pending complaints.

Better Care Family Homes, Inc. reported on the status of Carlisle Estates and Carlisle Ranch. A 90 day temporary affiliation was requested and granted for the Non-Centered Day Support Program of Carlisle Ranch.

Rehobeth Faith House requested 90 day temporary affiliation. Ninety day temporary affiliation was granted contingent upon sending the letter to Mr. Daye.

Zuni Presbyterian Home submitted to the Committee their Rules of Conduct/Standards to Live By. These were reviewed and approved by the Committee.

The Financial Report was given: Braley & Thompson, Inc. and Community Supported Training Organization, Inc. need to pay their dues. All other Affiliates are in good standing. It was decided by the Affiliates that dues will be paid by all Affiliated Programs regardless of the Affiliate assigned to take the minutes for the year.

Ms. Peterkin raised concerns regarding mileage reimbursement. In addition, Mr. Daye recommended assigning a back-up person to supervise funds. In the future, financial reports will include the current balance, which will be included in the minutes.

Mr. Daye's Report: Conference for this year has been cancelled. Survey was sent out soliciting feedback or suggestions of topics for the conference. Based upon the feedback, many of the committee members requested that the training include as a topic the proposed revisions of human rights regulations be included. Regulations are still in the Governor's office for review, hence not available for public review.

There is one vacancy in Mr. Daye's office and he is currently working on filling that position

LHRC training for new members will be scheduled for some time in September.

Election of Officers for this fiscal year: Positions that need to be filled are: Chairperson, Vice Chair and Secretary. The Secretary goes into closed session. Responsibilities for each position were discussed. Nominations were taken and the following serves as the elected officers for the upcoming fiscal year:
Ms. Paige was nominated and voted as Chairperson
Ms. Peterkin was nominated and voted as Vice Chair
Ms. Blackett was nominated and voted as Secretary

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: Visions Community Services, 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 Vision Community Services, Inc.

With regards to Visions Community Services Inc., Visions explained the situation to the committee of the behavior of the Sponsored Residents, and what was done to redirect the behavior. The Committee was satisfied with the explanation and there was no corrective action given to be taken of the incident by the Committee. Human Rights, Mr. Daye and Licensure Specialist, Mr. Lee were abreast of the incident.

It was determined that the next committee meeting will be held on September 26, 2006 at 8:30 a.m. The meeting is set to be held at Western Tidewater Community Services Board.

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

