

SUFFOLK REGIONAL LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING

**Minutes from
Tuesday September 11th, 2007**

Committee Members Present:

Reginald Daye, Regional Advocate
Sylvia Capehart-Paige, Chairperson
Doris Peterkin, Vice Chair
Jacqueline Blackett, Secretary
Jean E. Edwards
Denise N. Tynes

Affiliated

Programs Present:

Baker's Home, Inc.-*Claudette Jones, & Debora Lawyer*
Better Care Family Homes, Inc & Carlisle Estates- *Jessica Ishmael*
Braley & Thompson, Inc.-*Kelly Bobbitt*
Community Supported Training Organization, Inc. - *Pierre Dugue, Angel F. Glass*
Obici Hospital- *Dana Miller*
Quality Community Support, Inc- *Heather Ingraham*
Quality Care Community Services, Inc -*Joe Ann Lawrence*
Rehobeth Residence- *Cheral W. Dixon*
Visions Community Services, Inc. - *EulamaeR. Myers,*
WTCSB- *Cheryl T. Collier*
Zuni Presbyterian Homes- Byron Nagle, Mary Jenkins

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, 2007 meeting were reviewed and approved with the noted modifications.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

CSTO Mr. Ebong requested a vote on their human rights policy and rules of conduct; however because of a change in policies, Mr. Daye suggested that they drop the reference to children. Mr. Daye stated to Mr., Ebong that since licensure has not accepted his application for the children's program, he needs to submit that application separately. Once the application is accepted the policy should comply with the new human rights policy regulation. CSTO Inc's policy and procedures were accepted with the following revision, removal of all reference to children. The LHRC voted to approve CSTO

behavior plans that include Mandt. Approval was given to the rules of conduct with revision. These plans must be sent to Mr. Daye with the new revision included. Quality Community Support Inc was in attendance at this meeting, however the LHRC voted to keep them at temporary status this action was done for the benefit of the consumers. Who if Quality Community Support lost their affiliation would not have anywhere to live. The LHRC also requested that Mrs. Green-Hicks attend the next meeting to answer some of the concerns voiced by the committee members. The facilities were introduced to the newest member of the board; her name is Jean E. Edwards

WTCSB requested another extension that was granted, this extension would allow them to continue to use the security cameras at Pathway house, pending submission of policy to the Regional Advocate and the LHRC. If the Regional Advocate finds that the policy is in compliance with human rights regulations then the program may implement camera use. WTCSB will submit the policies at the next meeting.

Vision went over the list of sponsored placement with Mr. Daye and the LHRC, she explained the status of the homes (which homes were occupied with consumers and which homes were available for consumers) Mr. Daye requested a date of closure for the homes that were no longer in Vision's sponsored placement program. He also stated that the list should have been sent to his office with that update.

Update from the Regional Advocate, Mr. Daye:

The conference for the LHRC starts September 13th 2007. The welcoming reception will be held on September 12th from 7:00 p.m. –9:00 p.m. Location will be the Holiday Inn Select in Richmond Va. Some of the topics that will be discussed are the changes in the human rights, informed consent changes and how to conduct a human rights meeting. Mr. Daye informed the LHRC of processes that will be implemented as it applies to the new human rights regulations that will go into effect September 19th, 2007. Programs with approved human rights policies and procedures will receive a DVD with the information. There will be training in Oct, which will be held in Williamsburg Va. Mr., Daye also informed us that there are 3 new LHRC; their names are Norfolk Regional, Colonial Regional, and Hampton Regional. All facilities need to remember that reportable allegations of abuse or neglect must be reported to Mr. Daye's office within 24hours

Financial Report:

Mr. Dugue gave the financial report; he stated that at this time there is \$2,257.60

In the budget, also several members of the committee whose travel expenses for the conference were paid by the local LHRC ask that Mr.Dungue make changes in the wording of those checks to informed people that they did not receive those checks personally, but that those expenses were paid directly for the conference. Mr.Dugue assured the members that the changes would be 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-six (36) consumers in our Mental Health Support program. We have twenty-four (24) consumers in our Psychosocial Rehabilitation program; the programs are in good standing with Licensing and the Committee.

Better Care Family Homes, Inc. /Carlisle Estates: The consumers at Better Care Family Homes and Carlisle Estates are all doing very well and according to their doctors are all healthy. There was 1 reported death, a report was sent to Mr. Daye's office and a copy was sent to the license specialist. During this quarter there were no incidents of behavior management implementation or time out.

Braley & Thompson, Inc.: We have no consumer in our outpatient mental health program. It is anticipated that over the next six months we will begin to focus our efforts in getting this program fully started once the new Unit Director has been acclimated. Kelly Bobbitt is the new Unit Director effective August 13th. Beth Simmons will remain on board to assist with her transition over the next few months.

Community Supported Training Organization, Inc. CSTO Inc. is a supportive in-home program that is currently providing services to 22 consumers.CSTO; Inc has had no incidents involving seclusions, or restraints. However there was an allegation that was reported Child Protective Services. An internal investigation was conducted by CSTO, Inc. Subsequently, the case counselor would no longer provide services to the consumer. Child Protective Services concurrent investigation which resulted in the allegations of neglect deemed unfounded. CSTO, Inc is requesting a closed session to discuss the above-mentioned matter.

Obici 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 2nd, Quarter of 2007

Seclusion and Restraints:

April 07-1 seclusions, 1 restraint

May 07- 5 seclusions, 1 restraint

June 07- 3 seclusions, 2 restraints

Quarterly total: 9 seclusions, 4 restraints

There are no other issues to be addressed at this time. State Human rights Committee hosted at Obici on Oct 26th.

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: There was no report available.

Rehobeth: During this quarter there were no incidents of abuse, neglect, human rights violations, we are in good standing with this committee.

Visions Community Services, Inc. Vision had one complaint of human rights violation, which was deemed unfounded. VCS is requesting to go into closed sessions to discuss the matter with the committee.

VCS continues to provide Day Support Services, consumers have adjusted and transitioned well at their new location.

VCS sponsored homes are doing well, no complaints, consumers continue to receive monthly triage

W TCSB: Report was submitted for the reporting period of June 6th, 07. There was (2) incident of death with the finding of 1 died following rare side effects from HBP medication Consumer #2 unintended victim of a shooting-caught in the crossfire of 2 other individuals. There was 1 incident of Exploitation the employee removed from direct consumer care received remedial HR training, HIPA training, computer systems use policy and demoted two steps. 1 Behavior incident was founded consumer hit another consumer with no resulting injury. The Matter has been resolved. All total (1) behavior incidents (2) Deaths.

Zuni Presbyterian Homes: We currently have 43 residents on our campus. Zuni campus continues to conduct interviews for a Program Case Manager for Bishop House. There is one opening in Roughton house for a male. This opening will be filled soon. A peer to peer incident occurred in Campus House. DSS was called and didn't investigate. Licensure was notified as was the Office of Human rights, no other allegations of abuse were reported this quarter. We are currently in good standing with licensure and the Local Human Rights committee.

Closed Session:

The LHRC voted to go into closed session per VA. Code 2.2-3711A.4, to review human rights violations, client complaints, abuse, serious incidents, death in the following programs: WTCSB, Zuni Presbyterian Home's, VCS and CSTO Inc.

The Committee voted to come out of closed session. Upon reconvening in open session, each member certified that the only thing discussed while in closed session was the above referenced items for, WTCSB, Zuni Presbyterian Home's, VCS and CSTO, Inc. There were no recommendations for WTCSB, Visions, Zuni Presbyterian Home's, and CSTO, Inc from the Committee.

It was determined that the next committee meeting will be held at 8:30am, on December 4th, 2007 at Western Tidewater Community Services Board.

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