

SUFFOLK REGIONAL LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes
Tuesday, October 4, 2005

Committee Members Present:

Reginald Daye, Regional Advocate
Sylvia Capehart-Paige
Don Vincent
Roberta "Bobbie" Wilkins
Doris Peterkin

Affiliated Programs Present:

Baker's Home, Inc.
Better Care Family Homes, Inc. & Carlisle Estates
Braley & Thompson, Inc.
Community Supported Training Organization, Inc.
Obici Behavioral Health
Presbyterian Homes & Family Services
Quality Care Community Service, Inc.
Quality Community Supports, Inc.
Rehobeth Residence, Inc.
Visions Community Services, Inc.
WTCSB

The Local Human Rights Committee meeting was called to order at 8:45 a.m.

The minutes to the June 15, 2005 LHRC meeting were reviewed and approved with the following modifications:

- (A) Add the title of "Tactical Advisor" to Mr. Reginald Daye's name in the section entitled "Committee Members Present";
- (B) Add Ms. Doris Peterkin to the section entitled "Committee Members Present";
- (C) Add Braley & Thompson, Inc. to the section entitled "Affiliated Programs Present";
and
- (D) Add Braley & Thompson, Inc.'s report to the section entitled "Facility Reports".

Each facility was asked to give their reports.

Facility Reports:

Baker's Home, Inc.: There was one incident of Human Rights violations to report. We have eighteen (18) consumers in our PSR program. Three (3) consumers were discharged. There are twenty-five (25) consumers in our Mental Health Support program. Four (4) consumers were discharged, one (1) of which died of natural causes. The program is in good standing with Licensing. We are in the process of locating a replacement for our Assistant Program Director who resigned.

Better Care/Carlisle Estates: The consumers at Better Care Family Homes and Carlisle Estates had a great summer. All of their physicals were done for the year including. Eye examinations were also done and two (2) of the consumers were found to need glasses. All of consumers went to the dentist. There were no incidents to report during this quarter. All the work that was being done to Carlisle Ranch has been completed and approved by the City of Suffolk. All necessary paperwork has been forwarded to the Department of Licensure. Therefore, we are asking for another ninety (90) day temporary affiliation.

Braley & Thompson, Inc.: There were no incidents or consumer rights violations during this reporting period. Beth Simons, Unit Director, has returned from maternity leave.

Community Supported Training Organization Inc.: CSTO Inc. has not experienced any incidents of abuse or restraints. We have had one (1) human rights violation complaint. However, following an investigation of the allegation, the complaint was deemed to be unfounded. We will further discuss the complaint during the closed session. CSTO Inc. now has 15 clients.

Obici Behavioral Health: There were no human rights complaints this quarter. We were 100% in compliance with charting. We were 93% in compliance for processing with the patients. We had seven (7) seclusions this quarter which decreased from fifteen (15) seclusions from the last quarter. We had one (1) restraint this quarter which decreased from eleven (11) restraints from last quarter.

Presbyterian Homes & Family Services: We have 42 residential residents. We now have a new administrator abound, Mr. Anthony Thomas, Program Director. We have had no incidents of human rights violations this quarter. Currently, we are updating trainings with Direct Care Staff regarding reporting abuse allegations, both formal and informal, on a timely basis.

Quality Care Community Service, Inc.: We have had no incidents. We have had four (4) annuals this quarter. We currently have eight (8) clients and one (1) pending. We had to discharge one (1). We have moved to Portsmouth, Virginia. Our new address is 3026 Tyre Neck Road, Suite E, Portsmouth, VA 23703. Our office telephone number is (757) 686-4496 and our fax number is (757) 686-8837. We are currently in good standing with human rights.

Quality Community Supports, Inc.: For this reporting period, the QCS program has no implementations of time out, behavior management or complaints of abuse, neglect or exploitation. We serve twenty-two (25) consumers for supported living and three (3) for respite services. Presently, we are in good standing with the Suffolk Regional Local Regional Local Human Rights Committee.

Rehobeth Residence, Inc.: For this reporting period, Rehobeth Residence had one incident of physical abuse. The incident was investigated internally by Rehobeth's administrator and by the Office of Human Rights. The incident was determined to be unfounded and was later dropped by the claimant. After being a client for six (6) plus years, we had one client to pass on September 13, due to medical challenges. At present, Rehobeth still has two (2) residential homes, with ten (10) clients in care.

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 for this reporting period. Visions Community Services, Inc. has received approval of its Sponsor Residential Homes, Human Rights Policy from Reginald Daye's office and verbally approved by

Licensing Specialist on the policies and procedure. We are waiting for signing by the Licensing Commissioner's office. Visions Community Services, Inc. is asking the Committee to grant permanent affiliation for their Sponsored Residential Homes/Sponsored Placement Services Program. Mr. Barry Lee is our Licensing Specialist.

WTCSB: There was one (1) incident of consumer to consumer physical abuse which was founded. Staff followed Board's policies and procedures. There were three (3) incidents resulting in serious injury. Staff followed Board's Policies and Procedures. WTCSB applied for renewal of ICT (Intensive Community Treatment) since the license was provisional until November 2005. There was one (1) Human Rights complaint and the appeal was dropped by the complainant.

Mr. Daye began discussing several changes to the Code of Virginia that impact on the LHRC. These changes need to be incorporated in the LHRC bylaws. The bylaws should be amended to add the following: "In addition, at least one appointment to the Local Human Rights Committee must be a healthcare provider."

Also, the reference number of the Code of Virginia that indicates the make-up of the Local Human Rights Committee should be changed to "37.2-204".

Committee members agreed that Sebrina Green-Hicks needs to send a treasury report if she can't attend the meetings.

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 violations, abuse, neglect and serious incidents from the following programs: Baker's Home, Inc., Community Supported Training Organization, Inc., Rehobeth Residence, Inc. and Western Tidewater Community Services Board.

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 Baker's Home, Inc., Community Supported Training Organization, Inc., Rehobeth Residence, Inc. and Western Tidewater Community. With regards to Carlisle Estates, the committee accepted reports as given. There were no further recommendations. The committee accepted Carlisle Estates' decisions not to change program Rules of Conduct considering visitations. The program will address R.E. visitation on an individual basis. As for Baker's Home, the committee accepted reports as given. There were no further recommendations.

It was determined that the next committee meeting will be held on January 10, 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.