

SUFFOLK REGIONAL LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes for
Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Committee Members Present:

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

Affiliated Programs Present:

Baker's Home, Inc.-*Claudette Jones & Sophrenia Reid*
Better Care Family Homes, Inc & Carlisle Estates- *Lottie Walton*
Braley & Thompson, Inc.-*Beth Simons*
Community Supported Training Organization, Inc.-*Pierre Dugue*
Obici Hospital-*Dana Miller*
Quality Care Community Services, Inc-*Joe Ann Lawrence*
Quality Community Supports, Inc- *Heather Ingraham*
Rehobeth Residence-*Cheral Dixon*
Visions Community Services, Inc.- *Eulaneae Myers & Dorothy Johnson*
WTCSB- *Sheila Hunt*
Zuni Presbyterian Homes-*Jackie Lankford & Judy Horton*

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

The minutes of the September 26, 2006 LHRC meeting were reviewed and approved with the noted modifications: (1) omit "whereby the Draft minutes were approved..." on page one, (2) omit the word "added" and replace with "developed" for the Policy and Procedures on page one, (3) correct the typo on Johnny Carroll's name on page four, and (4) replace Behavioral Health Center with Behavioral Healthcare Services on page five. The approved minutes will reflect these changes.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

Review of the minutes from the Call Meeting held on October 25, 2006 were reviewed and approved with the noted modifications: both Visions and Rehobeth need to add to their reports (1) "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" (2) Upon reconvening in open

session, each member of the LHRC certified that the only thing discussed while in closed session was the incident and (3) Add “Addendum 1 Vision” and “Addendum 2 Rehobeth” to the top of the individual reports

Update from Mr. Daye: The public hearing was held at Norfolk Community Services Board in Norfolk, Virginia on October 27, 2006. There is a study group reviewing comments received around the State. It is anticipated that in February or March the approval process will be completed and we will have a new set of regulations.

The conference is scheduled for the fall of next year in order to incorporate the new regulations. It is tentatively scheduled for September 7, 2007.

Gianna Mitchell is the new advocate with the Human Rights office. Andrea Coleman is with DMAS and no longer with Mr. Daye’s office.

A reminder: Mr. Daye needs to receive a letter if you are planning to add a service or another program. A description of the service or program must be included in the letter. This needs to be done prior to seeking affiliation with the Committee.

Mr. Daye gave a reminder that the annual Seclusion and Restraint Report is due by January 15, 2007. Copies of the form were distributed among the Affiliates. Send the reports to the central office.

Ms. Capehart-Paige asked if the Affiliates had established a Behavioral Management Committee. As this had not been established, Mr. Daye recommended that one be established because if an agency is looking to have a Behavioral Management Plan that incorporates the use of restraints, the human rights regulations require that a Behavioral Management Committee be established to review the plan.

Ms. Capehart-Paige reminded the Affiliates that they were asked to bring two copies of their facility reports and to ensure that they are typed on letterhead. The Chairperson would like a copy of the report.

Financial Report:

The financial report was given, with copies distributed to all Affiliates. The current balance as of this meeting is \$3,509.51. The name on the account was changed to Suffolk Regional Local Human Rights Affiliates. The Committee questioned the delay in receiving mileage reimbursement.

The schedule for the 2007 Suffolk LHRC meetings were reviewed and is as follows: March 6th, June 5th, September 11th, and December 4th. All meetings are scheduled to begin at 8:30am and the meeting place will remain Western Tidewater Community Services Board.

Mr. Gibbs has been removed from the Committee and the correspondence that was sent to him was returned. This leaves a vacancy for a consumer. If any of the Affiliates know of a consumer that is interested, provide them with an application.

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-five (35) consumers in our Mental Health Support program. One (1) consumer was discharged due to death by natural causes. Two (2) consumers were discharged after leaving the area. We have twenty-two (22) consumers in our Psychosocial Rehabilitation program. One (1) consumer was discharged due to death by natural causes. Two (2) consumers were discharged after leaving the area. 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. Better Care 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.

Community Supported Training Organization, Inc.: Community Supported Training Organization Incorporated has not experienced any incidents of abuse allegations, nor restraints. CSTO Inc. currently has a total of nineteen (19) consumers. CSTO, Inc. is in good standing with the LHRC.

Quality Care Community Services, Inc.: During this reporting period, there were no complaints of human rights violations or complaints of abuse or neglect. We currently have (12) consumers that we are providing services for. We had one (1) discharge for this period and at this time we are in good standing with the Local Human Committee.

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 eighteen (18) consumers for supported living and three (3) for respite services. Presently, we are in good standing with the Suffolk Regional Local Human Rights Committee.

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 provide Day Support Waiver Services, providing services to six (6)

consumers at our Center Base program. Our Sponsored Residential Homes program has three homes open and operating well. We are in the process of opening two (2) additional homes this week. We have one home closing due to illness, consumer relocated to another residence and is doing well. J.G. has been released from the hospital and returned to his Day Support program. Mr. Barry Lee is our Licensing Specialist. Visions, Inc. is in good standing with LHRC and is seeking permanent affiliation for sponsored residential homes.

WTCSB: Report was submitted for the reporting period of September 26, 2006 through December 4, 2006. There was one (1) incident of serious injury and the action was that the consumer was recently discharged from the hospital for gunshot wounds inflicted on November 26th. Reported upon staff awareness on 11/29/06. There was one (1) behavioral incident that was founded. The action was that it was a biting attempt. Also, there was one (1) serious incident that was founded. The actions was that it was a consumer-consumer attack (relationship issue-off site). Modification: Discontinuing Intensive Community Treatment effective January 8, 2007. Licensing has been notified verbally. Modifications of service document will follow. Level of services offered to ICT consumers will continue through Intensive case management and mental health support services. Good standing with local HR.

Rehobeth: There were no complaints of human rights violations or incidents of abuse or neglect for this reporting period. After seven years of providing care, Rehobeth lost one of its long-time residential consumers to death by natural causes.

Zuni Presbyterian Homes: We are currently at full capacity with 44 residents. Deborah Banks was appointed as Program Director for the Zuni campus effective November 20th. We are currently looking for a Program/Case Manager to fill the vacancy in Camp House. A former employee has filed some complaints with Licensing; these have been investigated by Mr. Lee and we are awaiting the final report. There was one reported incident of verbal abuse; following the investigation the employee involved was terminated. The findings were reported to the Office of Human Rights, Adult Protective Services, and Licensing.

Regarding Visions Community Services, Inc.'s, the Committee granted Permanent Affiliation for the nine homes along with the three that Visions already has.

Western Tidewater CSB presented their Rules of Conduct to the Committee. Modifications were made to pre-existing Rules of Conduct to address weapons, drug use, sexual misconduct and other illegal activity (stealing). The Committee received a copy and voted to approve the Rules of Conduct with the noted modifications.

Annual dues for 2007 are due by February 28, 2007. The Committee agreed that the annual dues of the Affiliates will be paid in full by February 28th of each year. Currently, the dues should be sent to Quality Community Supports. Mileage should be sent to CSTO, Inc.

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: Zuni Presbyterian Homes and Visions Community Services.

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 Zuni Presbyterian Homes, and Visions Community Services.

It was determined that the next committee meeting will be held on March 6, 2007 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.