

**State Human Rights Committee
Meeting Minutes**
Friday, November 16, 2007
Rappahannock Area Community Services Board
600 Jackson Street
Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401

SPECIAL MEETING
10:00 a.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Kirby Wright, Chair
Christina Delzingaro, Vice-Chair
Angela Brosnan
Donald Lyons
Carmen Thompson
Davey Zellmer

NOT PRESENT

Delores Archer
Joseph Lynch
Jannie Robinson

HUMAN RIGHTS STAFF PRESENT

Margaret Walsh, State Human Rights Director
Kli Kinzie, Executive Secretary
J. Mark Seymour, Human Rights Advocate

OTHERS PRESENT

L.H. Complainant
Ronald W. Branscome, Executive Director, Rappahannock Area CSB
James Gillespie, Community Support Services Director, Rappahannock Area CSB

Welcome / Call to Order

A special meeting of the State Human Rights Committee convened to hear the appeal of LH. Mr. Kirby Wright, Chair, called the meeting to order. All individuals present introduced themselves.

Appeal

LH and Rappahannock Area Community Services Board

This matter came before the State Human Rights Committee (SHRC) on appeal of a decision of the Rappahannock Area Local Human Rights Committee (LHRC). LH brought the case forward on her own behalf with support and guidance from J. Mark Seymour, Human Rights Advocate. Mr. Ronald W. Branscome, Executive Director of RACSB, and James Gillespie, RACSB Community Support Services Director, represented the CSB. SHRC members present were Davey Zellmer, R.N., Kirby Wright, Christina Delzingaro, Carmen Thompson, Donald Lyons and Dr. Angela Brosnan, M.D.

At the request of the consumer the hearing was held in closed session.

By a vote of 6:0, the SHRC unanimously upholds the finding and recommendation made by the Rappahannock Area Local Human Rights Committee in its decision, to include the following:

No violation of 12 VAC 35-115-60 (B)(1).

No violation of 12 VAC 35-115-140 (B) (2).

SHRC Comment:

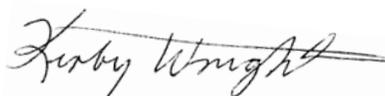
While the Committee found no evidence of rights violations in the matters brought before it in this complaint, the Committee is concerned about the nature of the relationship between LH and RACSB. The Committee understands that the clinical assessment noted in the LHRC opinion has been completed and that it recommends outpatient therapy as the appropriate level of service for LH. The Committee further understands that LH has not as of the date of this hearing, made any payments on her outstanding bill.

Since LH continues to voice a strong desire to return to Kenmore Club, the Committee encourages both parties to pursue a compromise that provides LH the opportunity to attend Kenmore Club in some manner, perhaps as a volunteer or peer-supporter, while she pays off her outstanding bill.

Kirby Wright thanked all present for their time and effort in conducting this hearing.

Having no further business to discuss, the motion was made and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Kirby Wright, Chair