

Petersburg Regional
Local Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2011

Committee Members Present:

Ms. Marie Parker, LHRC Member
Mr. Michael Nichols, LHRC Chair
Ms. Kathy Tierney, LHRC Member

Committee Members Absent

Mr. Steven Watkins, LHRC Member

Affiliate Members (Group B) Present:

Ms. Kimberly Lindblad, Specialized Youth Services of Virginia, Inc.,
LHRC staff support and Affiliate
Mr. Lola Shodeinde, Amazings Grace, LLC.
Ms. Lashanda Powell, Triumph Residential Services, LHRC Affiliate
Mr. Mario Haskett, Y.E.A., LLC.
Mr. Elijah Freeman, We Care Residential Services, LLC, LHRC Affiliate
Ms. Wilma Mullins, DBS Family Services, LHRC Affiliate
Mr. Kenneth Jenkins, DBS Family Services, LHRC Affiliate
Ms. Margaret Gwynn, A & C Alternative Care, LHRC Affiliate
Ms. Ruth Proctor, New Journey Family Services, LLC., LHRC Affiliate
Mr. Clarence Wilson, New Journey Family Services, LLC., LHRC Affiliate

Affiliate Members Absent:

Ms. Arleatha M. Simms, Simms Children Assistance Services/New Horizon Group Home,
LHRC Affiliate
Dr. Rudolph Ford, S.O.A.R., LLC., LHRC Affiliate

Others Present:

Ms. Carrie Flowers, Human Rights Advocate, Office of Human Rights
Ms. Bernice Lee, Life Enhancement Services, LLC, Prospective LHRC Affiliate
Mr. Norman Stone, Prospective LHRC Member

I. Call to Order

a) Mr. Nichols called the meeting to order at 2:36pm.

II. Approval of the Minutes

a) The committee reviewed the minutes from the September, 2011 meeting. Ms. Tierny motioned to approve the minutes as written; Ms. Parker seconded. Motion carried.

III. Public Comments

No public comments.

IV. New Business

- a) Life Enhancement Services, LLC, Bernice Lee, Director/Owner presented their services for affiliation to the committee. Life Enhancement will provide mental health community support services to older adolescents and adults in Emporia, Colonial Heights, Sussex, Hopewell, Petersburg, Greensville County. Ms. Lee will remove Surry from brochure as it is a part of Human Rights Region V. Services will include (but not be limited to) training in activities of daily living (ADLs), social skills, medication management, and money management in home and community. An assessment is completed on all prospective clients in order to create the required person-centered service plan with a focus on education, training and support. Human Rights policies and procedures were submitted to Ms. Walsh with the State Human Rights Committee (SHRC). Life Enhancement plans to provide services in Greensville, Suffolk, Northampton, Brunswick, and Halifax. Life Enhancement's representative will need to contact Reginald Daye (Region V's Human Rights Advocate) if she wishes to provide services in Region V. Ms. Parker motioned to accept Life Enhancement as an affiliate of the PR-LHRC; Ms. Tierney seconded. Motion carried.
- b) Mr. Shodiende of Amazings Grace requested affiliation of an additional home for adult consumers. Capacity of the home is 5 consumers 21 years of age or older. Consumers will have intellectual and/or mental health diagnoses with FS IQ of less than 70. The home will provide social skills training, daily living skills, medication management, money management, leisure skills, safety skills, behavioral management, medical monitoring, and other services. The agency changed both programming and procedures to meet the needs of adults versus children. Tierney motioned to accept affiliation of an additional home owned and operated by Amazings Grace to the PR-LHRC; Ms. Parker seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- c) Affiliates discussed concerns related to Logisticare, the quality of their services, and reporting procedures for alleged abuses that may occur while clients are under

Logisticare's supervision. Consensus was that alleged abuse of clients should be reported to the Adult Protective Services or Child Protective Services departments for the locality in which the alleged abuse occurred. Also, affiliates should address any concerns related to alleged abuse of clients to Logisticare and/or DMAS directly.

V. Old Business

- a) Affiliate Dues are due today from each new affiliate and are overdue from some affiliates. Ms. Crawford of Gateway Homes provided a detailed summary of who has submitted funds and those affiliates who have not. The following agencies still owe dues to this account: ECCS, FamMat Services, LLC., Positive Image, Life Enhancement (provided they are granted affiliation this evening), Y.E.A., LLC., Simms Children Assistance Services/New Horizon Group Home, A & C Alternative Care, We Care Residential, LLC., S.O.A.R., LLC.

VI. Affiliate Reports

- Amazings Grace
 - DBS Family Services
 - Y.E.A., LLC
 - Simms Children Assistance Services/New Horizon Group Home
 - A & C Alternative Care
 - SYS of Va., Inc.
 - SOAR, LLC.* (absent)
 - New Journey Family Services
 - We Care Residential
- a) Lola Shodeinde requested the new reporting format; LHRC Liason will forward via email. Y.E.A. and A & C Alternative Care also indicated they will resubmit their reports on the new format for this reporting period. Simms Children's Assistance Services will complete their report through page 3 and resubmit. New Journey Family Services will complete their report and submit the same to Committee Members as soon as possible. All affiliates will submit their reports to the Liason more than two weeks in advance of each meeting date to comply with reporting requirements and previously agreed upon LHRC procedures. From this point forward, Savannah's House is no longer considered an affiliate with the

Committee; this program has not been represented at an LHRC meeting in approximately one year. The assumption is that this agency is no longer open for business.

Reminder to Affiliates: you are required to forward Program Reports (on the new format) to your Affiliate Liason (Ms. Lindblad) regardless of whether or not your attendance is required at the scheduled meeting. (Group A attends the February and August meetings; Group B attends the May and October meetings.)

VII. Advocate’s Report

- a) Agencies need to work to recruit members.

VIII. Closed Session

- a) Interview of prospective committee member.

IX. Other Business

- a) Norman Stone will be recommended as a Committee Member in the “consumer” position. This will go to the SHRC for review/approval at their next meeting.

- b) Meetings scheduled to be held during the 2012 year will occur as follows: February 8, 2012 (Group A), May 9, 2012 (Group B), August 8, 2012 (Group A), and **November 7, 2012*** (Group B).

c) Reporting Period	Reports to Kim by	Meeting Date
9/20/11 – 12/31/11	1/10/12	2/8/12 (Group A attends meeting) (2011 Annual Reports would be submitted, disseminated and reviewed as well.)
1/1/12 – 3/31/12	4/10/12	5/9/12 (Group B attends meeting)
4/1/12 – 6/30/12	7/10/12	8/8/12 (Group A attends meeting)
7/1/12 – 9/30/12	10/10/12	11/7/12* (Group B attends meeting)
10/1/12 – 12/31/12	1/10/13	2/13/13 (Group A attends meeting)
1/1/13 – 3/31/13	4/10/13	5/8/13 (Group B attends meeting)

X. Adjournment

- a) Mr. Nichols made a motion to close meeting. Ms. Tierney seconded the motion. Motion carried. The LHRC meeting was adjourned at 4:27pm.