

MINUTES
SOUTHEAST ALLIANCE
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE (LHRC) MEETING

5:30 pm, Tuesday, September 14, 2004
2nd Floor Conference Room, CSB Central

Members Present: Martha Tennille - Presiding
Nathaniel Parker
Jo Horvath
Tim Dorsey
Sandra Malloy

Others Present: Pat Cannavino – Serenity House
Diane Parker - Arc Peninsula
Carol Tartini - Arc Peninsula
Charlie Ammons - Lutheran Family Services
Fred Mitchell – Colonial CSB
Stewart Prost – ESH Advocate
Teresa Vess - H-NNCSB Advocate
Chuck Hall – Executive Director
Linda Williamson – H-NNCSB Advocate
David Wilber – Eggleston Services
Andre Murchison – Eggleston Services

CALL TO ORDER Dr. Tennille called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Introductions Dr. Tennille welcomed everybody to the meeting. Each of the members introduced themselves. Dr. Tennille commented that Stewart Prost was obviously running late.

OLD BUSINESS

ACTION The minutes of the meeting of June 8, 2004, were approved with the following corrections:

- The temporary site address for Arc is 11824 Fishing Pt.

NEW BUSINESS

Brief Affiliate Presentation

Teresa Vess reminded members that the H-NNCSB is changing locations and once they move the number of clients would most likely increase. Lassen House will be moving to a larger facility and when this occurs they will be taking on more clients. The major change that would affect this committee is the conversion of many of our group homes under a mental health license to an ICF MR, which would mean more approval of medication regimens, etc. Chuck Hall added that we will be opening a 23 hour crisis response. H-NNCSB is currently in the process of having a board certified addiction specialist come on, so that its chemical dependency programming will take on a new appearance and should increase the number of clients served. If successful, H-NNCSB will have a primary care clinic on site. Teresa Vess stated that the H-NNCSB would increase at least by 10% if not more. Chuck Hall reported that H-NNCSB is dropping one program if successful; H-NNCSB is transferring a small program called the After School program to the Hampton Parks Recreation.

Arc reported possibly adding a couple of new houses to their program, although no major expansion plan in the works at the present time.

Eggleston Services reported that they have 2 more homes opening on the property of Sara Bonwell Hudgins, both of them are 8 bed homes. Their day support program will be expanding. They will not be dropping any programs at the present time.

Serenity House reported that they have an Administration building and a main campus, which has 2 houses and 3 outside houses. They have no additional house being added or dropped.

Lutheran Family Services reported that they are not adding any programs or dropping anything currently. They are looking into combining offices and moving staff into 1 building sometime in July 2005, but this is still in the research phase.

Colonial Services Board reported that over the next 3 years if they grow at all, it would be in the area of crisis stabilization and possibly intensive in-home services. They do have a new outpatient facility opening in November or December.

Possible cap on adding new services

Dr. Tennille advised members of a phone call she received from another organization wanting to be added to this committee; she told them about us and hasn't heard back from them. Dr. Tennille does not think we are overwhelmed at this point. However, Dr. Tennille expressed wanting to put a cap on adding new services and associates. Mr. Dorsey expressed that the committee didn't need a vote at this time. He reminded the committee that in December they would have to extend or not extend affiliation of Eggleston Services. Dr. Tennille stated she was advised by Reginald Daye that so long as we don't have a cap, the SHRC can send anybody to us and we have to accept them. After, a lengthy discussion the committee members decided to vote on a cap.

ACTION

A motion was made and duly seconded to set a cap of five (5) on the number of affiliates allowed in the LHRC; an exemption to the cap may be made upon the majority vote of the members after a petition and presentation by a prospective affiliate of its current and anticipated programs and number of clients. After discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

New Member Interviews

Dr. Tennille and members set a tentative date for interviews to be held on September 28th @ 5:30.

Seclusion and Restraint Conference

Stewart Prost attended the Seclusion and Restraint Conference and briefed committee members. There were no recommendations for the committee; nothing had changed as far as rules and regulations.

ADVOCATE REPORT

Stewart Prost apologized to members of the committee for being late. He advised members that Barry Lee has left the Office of Human Rights and would be working in the Office of Licensure and the state is scrambling to fill his position. He also provided members with a copy of a memo from Margaret Walsh regarding general notice of Public Comment on Regulations.

PROGRAM REPORT

Lutheran Family Services reported that there had been no allegations of abuse or any changes during the quarter.

Serenity House reported 1 allegation of improper discharge, failure to give medication. The discharge policy was changed to require nurses to sign off.

Colonial CSB reported 1 complaint. Breach of confidentiality, a consumer's medical record was missing, the assumption was that it was stolen; 1 death; consumer died from pneumonia; 2 serious injuries due to falls.

The Arc reported 2 consumers hospitalized for blood clots; 2 injuries due to falls, 1 death; consumer died from brain tumor.

The H-NNCSB reported 2 allegations of exploitation substantiated; 1 allegation of violation of confidentiality; 1 allegation of verbal abuse inappropriate behavior employee resigned. There was 1 allegation of neglect substantiated employee terminated; 1 allegation of physical abuse substantiated employee terminated; 1 allegation of neglect insufficient evidence staff training.

**CLOSED
SESSION**

A motion was duly made and seconded to enter into Closed Session pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2-3711-A, for discussion or consideration of information excluded from the Freedom of Information Act, namely to receive a report from a client from Eggleston Services.

**RECONVENED IN
OPEN SESSION**

Upon reconvening in Open Session, members of the LHRC unanimously and individually certified that to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the Closed Session had been discussed in the Closed Session in accordance with Virginia Code 2.2-3711-A.

**NEXT REGULARLY
SCHEDULED
MEETING**

The next regular meeting was scheduled to be held at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 14, 2004, at the H-NNCSB.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Submitted by Timothy W. Dorsey, Secretary, and Dana Creech