

MINUTES
SOUTHEAST ALLIANCE
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE (LHRC)
SPECIAL MEETING

5:00 pm, Tuesday, January 10, 2006
1st Floor Conference Room, CSB Central

Members Present: Martha Tennille - Presiding
Maude Robinson
Tim Dorsey
Sandra Malloy
Richard Flournoy
Lisa Fragala
Nathaniel Parker

Members Absent: None

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Tennille called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Teresa Vess of the H-NNCSB presented a new program: Hampton Roads Clinic Ambulatory Detoxification Services. The program is awaiting approval for its license and should be operational within the next few months. After a full discussion of the program, the LHRC members turned to a discussion of the program's "Orientation Handbook." Mr. Dorsey questioned whether H-NNCSB was familiar with any other program that required as a condition precedent to admission that the patient waives confidentiality. Ms. Vess indicated that ambulatory programs (particularly ambulatory detoxification programs) are the only such programs she is familiar with and that the programs are dependent on the ability of the provider to work with the patient's spouse or significant other to ensure compliance with program requirements. Dr. Tennille commented that position titles, vice individual names, should be used throughout. Mr. Dorsey then commented that the proposed appeal procedures do not comply with DMHMRSAS regulations and should be revised to mirror them. Willie Barnes, Advocate, further commented that the program's appeal procedures cannot supersede the regulatory appeal procedures on issues concerning discharge or other matters of human rights. Mr. Parker initiated a discussion on the use of restraints and the apparent tension in the Handbook between the statement that no restraints are used and the statement that restraints may be used under certain circumstances. The H-

NNCSB was provided several other recommendations for non-substantive changes.

ACTION

A motion was made as follows: “Motion to approve the Orientation Handbook for the Hampton Roads Clinic Ambulatory Detoxification Services program with the revisions recommended by the LHRC. The revised Orientation Handbook shall be presented to the LHRC at its next regularly scheduled meeting.” A discussion then ensued on whether the motion was intended to convey the necessary LHRC approval of the program’s policies/rules of conduct, etc., before the program commences operations. After confirming that such approval was intended, the motion was approved unanimously.

**NEXT REGULARLY
SCHEDULED
MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at the H-NNCSB 2nd Floor Conference Room, CSB Central.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Submitted by Timothy W. Dorsey