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SOUTHEAST ALLIANCE

LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE (LHRC) MEETING

5:30 pm, Tuesday, March 14, 2006
2nd Floor Conference Room, CSB Central

Members Present: Sandra Malloy - Presiding
Tim Dorsey
Richard Flournoy
Nathaniel Parker

Members Absent: Maude Robinson
Martha Tennille
Lisa Fragala

CALL TO ORDER Ms. Malloy called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Introductions Mr. Dorsey welcomed everyone, advised that Ms. Malloy was suffering from laryngitis and that he would speak for her throughout the meeting. He then asked everyone to introduce themselves and the organization they represent.

OLD BUSINESS Approval of the minutes from the meetings of December 13, 2005 and January 10, 2006.

ACTION A motion was made as follows: “Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting on December 13, 2005 as circulated.” Without further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made as follows; “Motion to approve the minutes of the special called meeting on January 10, 2006 as circulated.” Without further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

Tim Dorsey had old business to discuss as a result of the December 13th meeting concerning FOIA and the need to post minutes and agenda. Mr. Dorsey developed a website for the Southeast Alliance LHRC. It is located at www.sealhrc.org. Mr. Dorsey thanked HNNCSB for allowing the LHRC to host the website on the CSB’s server and stated that he will no longer include affiliate’s attendance in the published minutes.

NEW BUSINESS PROGRAM REPORTS

The H-NNCSB reported the completion of 6 new buildings, 3 are now occupied, and the office of licensure has approved the moving of the programs in the new buildings. H-NNCSB has tentatively scheduled moves in May, June and August 2006. H-NNCSB made a request to the office of Licensure to open an Ambulatory Detox Program, to which no response has yet been received. In addition, H-NNCSB is looking to move its Opioid Treatment Program from the current site to our Youth, Family, and Adult Clinical Services building. H-NNCSB reported 3 complaints this quarter: 1 allegation of treatment of dignity (staff counseled and reassigned); 2 Exploitations (1 founded, staff terminated and 1 unfounded, employee disciplined); 1 confidentially allegation (founded, staff disciplined); 8 deaths (3 heart failures, bronchitis, asthma, 2 from natural causes).

Lutheran Family Services reported no allegations of abuse or neglect.

Colonial CSB reported its desire to add a new Intensive Out-Patient Program (IOP) for persons suffering from severe substance abuse. It will provide more intensive service than traditional outpatient services but less intensive than inpatient services. Cynthia Levy, who will be the Program Manager, distributed a copy of the rules of conduct for the program. The program plan is as follows; 3 evenings a week (9 hours total) of Group Counseling, 1 hour a week of Individual/Family/Marital Counseling, plus Case Management services as required. More specific program details were provided. Colonial CSB asked approval to add the IOP to its existing Rules of Conduct.

Colonial CSB reported 1 (client death) in a local hospital from pneumonia (death was expected); 1 serious injury (client fell from wheelchair) investigation made, no neglect was found.

The Arc reported that its hired a consultant in search for a new President. It is currently working on a new ICFMR program and will bring to committee upon completion. There were 8 incidents: 2 consumer to consumer (staff handled appropriately); 1 allegation of abuse (staff found neglectful and disciplined); 1 allegation of sexual abuse (not founded); 3 restraints used for safety/protection reasons; (1 staff handled appropriately and consumer discharged from services, 2 staff handled appropriately, for promotion of health and safety of consumers).

Serenity House reported an allegation of a violation of confidentiality (founded -- person left the program) and an allegation of inability to obtain test results (unfounded).

ACTION

A motion was made as follows: "Motion to approve as a temporary affiliation the addition of the Intensive Outpatient Treatment Program for Substance Abuse to the Colonial CSB's menu of programs covered by the LHRC." Without further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

ACTION

A motion was made as follows: "Motion to approve the addition of the Intensive Outpatient Treatment Program for Substance Abuse to the Colonial CSB's existing Rules of Conduct." Without further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

ADVOCATE REPORT

Willie Barnes discussed the recommendation from the State Human Rights Committee bylaws. This discussion was tabled from an earlier meeting. This discussion was primarily for the committee members. Mr. Dorsey reported on the provided proposed recommendations regarding how to deal with Quorums; the understanding was to change the definition of a Quorum. Mr. Dorsey will make changes and distribute prior to next meeting where approval will be sought (Linda Major will locate a soft copy and send to Mr. Dorsey).

Stuart Prost gave an update on where they are as far as proposed regulations changes that are now available on the DMHMRSAS website. These changes will soon be open for public comment. The LHRC seminar will be held in early fall, possibly in Richmond. We are in the process of hiring a person to replace Colette Ashirue, who worked in the Core Program dealing with children and adolescents.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was duly made and seconded at 6:05 p.m. 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 medical information on clients of the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board (H-NNCSB).

RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION

Upon reconvening in open session at 6:54 p.m., 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 Va. Code § 2.2-3711(A).

OTHER

A discussion was had concerning language contained in the Behavioral Intervention Plan for H-NNCSB Client 1100567. Mr. Dorsey asked whether the word “insist” meant “demand.” The H-NNCSB stated that it did not mean “demand” and meant only “strongly encourage.” H-NNCSB further commented that there was no “time out” intended or included in the plan.

ACTION

A motion was made as follows: “Motion to approve as the Behavioral Intervention Plan for H-NNCSB Client 1100567 as presented by the H-NNCSB. Without further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

ACTION

A motion was made as follows: “Motion to approve as the Behavioral Intervention Plan for H-NNCSB Client 1101366 as presented by the H-NNCSB. Further, the same plan is approved by use by the Arc for such Client so long as the Arc’s Director first sends a written letter to the LHRC stating its intent to adopt the plan for use with H-NNCSB Client 1101366. Without further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

ACTION

A motion was made as follows: “Motion to approve as the Behavioral Intervention Plan for H-NNCSB Client 1104927 as presented by the H-NNCSB. The plan shall be reviewed again by the LHRC at its regularly scheduled meeting in September 2006. Without further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

**NEXT REGULARLY
SCHEDULED
MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 13, 2006, at the H-NNCSB 2nd Floor Conference Room, CSB Central.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Submitted by Tamico J. Eley and Timothy W. Dorsey