

SOUTHEAST ALLIANCE

LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE (LHRC) MEETING

5:30 pm, Tuesday, September 12th, 2006
2nd Floor Conference Room, CSB Central

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

Members Absent: Timothy W. Dorsey

Affiliates Present: Linda Major
Michael Leeman
Bob Malloy
Linda Williams
Mike Fragala
Teresa Vess
Lisa Fragala
Julie Palmer
Fred Mitchell
Stephanie Selmer
Rachel Gholston
Eloise Eppes-Foster

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

Introductions Brief introductions were made. Dr. Tennille announced that Sandra Malloy will be resigning from the Committee due to her leaving the area. Positive comments from the committee were shared regarding Ms. Malloy's tenure with the committee. Dr. Tennille reminded the committee to let her or Mr. Daye know of anyone in the community who could fill the position vacated by Ms. Malloy.

ACTION A motion was made as follows: "Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting on June 13, 2006 as circulated." The motion was seconded and approved unanimously without further discussion.

OLD BUSINESS

The language in the bylaws currently states that LHRC membership will consist of a minimum of five persons which would allow for flexibility for the membership to move up or down. The language that the SHRC asks us to consider is that the LHRC membership will consist of seven persons and at no time would a quorum be less than 3 members. This was recommended because sometimes committees may have 4 members which would split a quorum evenly by 2 which is inappropriate. There needs to be continuity throughout the state.

ACTION

After much discussion, a motion was made to have the language in the by-laws return to the original “shall have seven members” rather than “a minimum of five members”. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

It was suggested that there may be a problem if an LHRC member also is an employee, board member or volunteer for any of the affiliate programs. It was suggested that same may cause a conflict of interest with an individual’s role as a LHRC member.

After much discussion, it was decided to take this issue into closed session.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Tennille reminded committee members that election for officers for the LHRC will be at the December 12th meeting at 5:30.

**NEW BUSINESS
PROGRAM REPORTS**

Agency Reports ARC reported 11 incidents (total of 13, but 11 incidents); 4 medication errors, 2 client to client contact, 2 allegations of abuse, 1 allegation of verbal abuse, 1 allegation of neglect, 3 complaints.

ARC asked for a special session on October 3rd at 5:00 to review information sent with the packet and to re-review a plan.

H-NNCSB reported 5 Human Rights Complaints, 2 founded, 2 unfounded and one unable to determine; 9 deaths, 7 by natural causes, 2 by unknown causes. The Lassen House program will be moving to 1930 East Pembroke Avenue on Friday, September 22nd. Adult Outpatient Services (Executive Towers) will move to the new campus on October 16th. Community Resource Center will move in November to the Campus. The Ambulatory Detox Program will be up within the next month. H-NNCSB will be adding a C&A location at Healthy Families. The South Eastern Family Project (SEFP) is making a request to become a smoke free

program. There is no need for approval from the LHRC, but Mr. Daye suggests submitting policies and procedures to the state then present to the committee. H-NNCSB is planning to modify their license to provide outpatient services – crisis stabilization services at a regional crisis stabilization center at 2244 Executive Drive, Ste. A. Mr. Parker made positive comments on the addition of the Crisis Stabilization Unit.

ACTION

A motion was made grant temporary affiliation for the Regional Crisis Stabilization Unit for 90 days or until the next meeting. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

ACTION

A motion was made to approve the Rules of Conduct for the Regional Crisis Stabilization Unit as submitted. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Lutheran Family Services’ Human Rights Policies will be reviewed at the December meeting. LFS had no reports to discuss at this meeting.

Serenity House had one formal grievance which was unfounded.

Colonial Services Board reported that during the summer, their IOP was granted temporary affiliation and are asking for permanent affiliation. There were 2 deaths – 1 suicide, 1 elderly death and 1 serious injury. Colonial will be addition a Crisis Stabilization Unit.

Dr. Tennille reminded the committee not to use initials on their reports.

Dr. Daye requests that all information be sent to him in advance for review.

ADVOCATE REPORT

Mr. Daye reported earlier.

**NEXT REGULARLY
SCHEDULED
MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 12th, 2006, at the H-NNCSB 2nd Floor Board Room, CSB Central.

**CLOSED
SESSION**

A motion was duly made and seconded to enter into Closed Session

pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-3711(A), for discussion or consideration of information excluded from the Freedom of Information Act, namely to discuss personnel matters involving LHRC members.

**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 Va. Code § 2.2-3711(A).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Submitted by Renee Davenport