

SOUTHEAST ALLIANCE

LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING

5:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 9, 2008

Rm. 1357 Staff Development & Training Room, CSB Bldg. 300

Members Present: Timothy Dorsey
Gail Russell
Linda Lane

Members Absent: Nathaniel Parker
Shirley Atkins
Richard Flournoy
Lisa Hillman

Affiliates Present: Michelle Iwaniw
Fred Mitchell
Willie Barnes – Advocate
Julie Palmer
Linda Kerns
Rachel Gholston
Marietta Cottingham

CALL TO ORDER Timothy Dorsey called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. Mr. Dorsey noted the absence of a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS: The circulated minutes from the meeting of June 10, 2008 were discussed. No changes were proposed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Affiliation Request for Serenity C&C, Inc. Serenity requested temporary affiliation for its sponsored residential program. Six separate homes each require the affiliation (the list of homes and details of the program were provided to the LHRC in advance of the meeting). At its regular scheduled meeting in November 2008, Serenity's regular LHRC, Hampton Regional LHRC, will consider permanent affiliation of these programs. Serenity answered the LHRC members' questions about the programs. Mr. Dorsey advised that the committee would vote on temporary affiliation once a quorum of members could meet.

2. Bylaws Revisions. The LHRC members were previously provided recommended changes to the LHRC bylaws that would permit action by one or more Committees named by the chair under certain limited circumstances. Mr. Dorsey advised that the committee would vote on the bylaws changes once a quorum of members could meet.

AGENCY REPORTS:

Lutheran Family Services – Rachel Gholston states that there is nothing significant to report.

Colonial CSB- Fred Mitchell stated that there were (2) injuries- MR Residential consumer fell and sprained ankle, MR Day Support, self injurious behavior, consumer hit head on bathroom counter resulting in a gash requiring medical treatment (4) deaths- all in the community, (2) Informal Complaints: MR Residential neglect, peer to peer, no violation, MH residential, treatment with dignity allegation, unable to substantiate, no violation, resolved, (1) formal complaint- consumer who received outpatient and emergency services made allegations concerning treatment, unresolved.

H-NNCSB- Michelle Iwaniw stated that HNNCSB had (1) unapproved restraint, founded-employee no longer w/ the agency, (1) abuse/right to dignity, founded-employee no longer w/ agency; training provided to staff regarding HR reporting requirements, disciplinary action taken against employee witness for failure to report information in a timely fashion, (5) neglect, 2-founded, 2-pending 1-unable to determine, (1) rights to services- unfounded, (1) informal complaint-rights to services, (7) deaths, 5-unknown, 2-natural

ARC – Julie Palmer stated that there were 3- medication error, 5- Significant medical incidents- and 1- complaint to OHR for a possible lack of timely care concerning skin bump in groin area

ADVOCATE REPORT: Willie Barnes states there will be training for LHRC on September 17, 2008 at Southeast Virginia Training Center in Chesapeake from 9a.m. – 12:00noon. Invitation will be sent out to the members. She also invited the LHRC members and affiliates to attend training on the complaint procedures immediately following the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION:

A motion was duly made and seconded at 6:37 p.m. 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 receive medical and/or mental records on clients of the Arc of the Virginia Peninsula.

RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION: Upon reconvening in open session at 6:56 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).

The next regularly scheduled meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00p.m.