

SOUTHEAST ALLIANCE

LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING

5:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 10, 2009

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

Members Present: Nathaniel Parker
Timothy Dorsey
Gail Russell
Lisa Hillman
Richard Flournoy
Linda Lane

Members Absent: Shirley Atkins

Affiliates Present: Michelle Iwaniw
Fredrena Blow
Willie Barnes – Advocate
Linda Kerns
Rachel Gholston
Julie Palmer
Michelle Lakens-Waller
Stan Rockwell

CALL TO ORDER Nathaniel Parker called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Mr. Parker thanked everyone for joining the meeting and called for introductions of new attendees and guests.

OLD BUSINESS: The circulated minutes from the meeting of December 9, 2008 were discussed. It was noted that revisions were needed to reflect that Julie Palmer was in attendance and to include mention of Fred Mitchell's retirement.

ACTION: A motion was made as follows: "Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting on December 9, 2008, as amended." The motion was seconded and unanimously approved without further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. H-NNCSB Request for Permanent Affiliation. Michelle Iwaniw requested permanent affiliation of eight schools in Newport News for H-NNCSB's Therapeutic Day Treatment Program. This program had been fully discussed in a prior meeting of the LHRC and the CSB had not determined in consultation with School Administration which were the best choices.

ACTION: A motion was made as follows: "Motion to extend permanent affiliation of H-NNCSB's Therapeutic Day Treatment Program to the following Newport News Schools: Epes, Sedgfield, Yates, Dozier, Hines, Huntington, Menchville and Nelson."

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved without further discussion.

2. H-NNCSB's Affiliation of Bridgeport Academy Outpatient Therapy Program, Court Services Unit Program, and Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Program. H-NNCSB proffered three programs for permanent affiliation with the LHRC. LHRC members had previously been provided written service descriptions for these programs. Mr. Dorsey asked whether the Court Services Program or the Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Program involved consumers in a detention setting. Ms. Iwaniw was unsure. Mr. Dorsey stated that if, indeed, these programs involved consumers in detention, the CSB would need to include in its program clear guidance to its consumers how human rights complaints are to be handled (distinguished from detention facility "grievances"). The facility itself must understand that consumers have the right to make complaints that implicate the human rights regulations and must agree to forward to the CSB any agreements regarding same. It was discussed that temporary affiliation would be appropriate at this time until the CSB could verify the scope of settings for the programs' services.

ACTION: A motion was made as follows: "Motion to extend permanent affiliation of H-NNCSB's Bridgeport Academy Outpatient Therapy Program." The motion was seconded and unanimously approved without further discussion.

ACTION: A motion was made as follows: "Motion to extend temporary affiliation of H-NNCSB's Court Services Unit Program and Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Program, such temporary affiliation to extend until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the LHRC." The motion was seconded and unanimously approved without further discussion.

3. Treasurer's Report. Ms. Iwaniw provided the Treasurer's Report.

ACTION: A motion was made as follows: "Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted." The motion was seconded and unanimously approved without further discussion.

4. Affiliate Reports.

H-NNCSB- Michelle Iwaniw stated that HNNCSB had (2) Medication errors, founded/staff counseled/trained on medication administration policy, (5) Informal complaints, 1- right to participate in treatment decisions/ resolved, 1- right to protected health information/ resolved, 1- right to dignity; right to confidentiality, right to services, 1- right to services, 1-right to dignity, right to confidentiality, right to services; (12) Deaths- (4) natural Causes, (6) Unknown, (1) Aspiration, (1) stroke

ARC of the Virginia Peninsula- Julie Palmer stated that there were 2- Medication error, 1- restraints used for safety/ protection reasons, 4- significant medical incidents

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

Colonial CSB- Michelle Lakins-Waller stated that there were (4) deaths- 3-consumers died to health related illness, 1- consumer died/unknown reason-family notified CSB of death, (2) formal complaint: 1- individual wanting funding that was not available for housing/resolved, 1- access to services and individual was not eligible for the service/resolved.

5. Advocate Report.

Willie Barnes provided training on the Virginia Freedom of Information Act to all members and affiliate representatives. Copies of the statutes as well as training slides were provided.

CLOSED SESSION: A motion was duly made and seconded at 6:26 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 7:01 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).

ACTION: A motion was made as follows: "Motion to approve plans for consumers of the ARC of the Virginia Peninsula, Hilton House ICF/MR as follows:

Consumer #18 - Medication Plan
Consumer #16 - Medication Plan; Protective Plan
Consumer #63 - Protective Plan; Physical plan (CPI holds); Medication Plan"

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously without further discussion.

ACTION: A motion was made as follows: "Motion to approve plans for consumers of the ARC of the Virginia Peninsula, Fairmont House ICF/MR as follows:

Consumer #54 - Physical plan (CPI holds); Medication Plan; Protective Plan"

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously without further discussion.

ACTION: A motion was made as follows: "Motion to approve plans for consumers of the ARC of the Virginia Peninsula, Saunders House ICF/MR as follows:

Consumer #3 - Physical plan (CPI holds); Protective Plan; Behavioral Support Plan
Consumer #43 - Physical plan (CPI holds)"

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously without further discussion.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is scheduled for **June 9, 2009** at H-NNCSB, Bldg. 300. at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.