

MINUTES
SOUTHEAST ALLIANCE
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE (LHRC) MEETING

5:30 pm, Tuesday, June 14, 2005
2nd Floor Conference Room, CSB Central

Members Present: Martha Tennille - Presiding
Nathaniel Parker
Jo Horvath
Tim Dorsey
Sandra Malloy
Richard Flournoy

Others Present: Mike Fragala – Serenity House
Stephanie Selman – Serenity House
Alena Thomas – Serenity House
Julie Palmer - Arc Peninsula
Fred Mitchell – Colonial CSB
Laura Tuck – Colonial CSB
Diana Moser – Lutheran Family Services
Eloise Eppes Foster – Lutheran Family Services
Stewart Prost – ESH Advocate
Willie Barnes – ESH Advocate
Linda Major – H-NNCSB Advocate
Charles A. Hall – H-NNCSB Director
Dana Creech – H-NNCSB Staff Support

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

Introductions Dr. Tennille welcomed everybody and each of the members introduced themselves. She thanked everybody for attending.

OLD BUSINESS

ACTION The minutes of the meeting of March 22, 2005, were approved as circulated.

OTHER Dr. Tennille informed the committee members that she had received a letter of apology from Charlie Ammons, from Lutheran Family Service for not being present at the rescheduled meeting in March due to the bad weather. There was a conflict in his schedule therefore he was unable to attend. He also reported that there were no allegations of abuse or neglect to report and no changes in programs.

Dr. Tennille stated since Elizabeth Tobey had to resign from the committee that the replacement member for the committee would need to be a health care provider to be in compliance. Ms. Barnes reported that committee member Jo Horvath falls under that category; therefore, the committee is in compliance.

NEW BUSINESS PROGRAM REPORT

Lutheran Family Services reported there had been no allegations of abuse or neglect. They will be moving around August 1st to Butler Farm Road in Hampton and she did not have all of the details at this time.

Colonial Services Board reported that there had been no allegations of abuse or neglect.

The Arc reported 12 incidents; 1 consumer restrained, aggression in office, emergency/safety restraint (2 minutes), staff acted appropriately, 1 unfounded allegation of verbal and physical abuse 1 unfounded allegation of verbal abuse and withholding lunch, 1 consumer to consumer contact (2 male consumers fighting about a letter to a female co-worker), staff acted appropriately, 1 consumer to consumer contact (male consumer inappropriately tickled a female co-worker), staff acted appropriately, 1 consumer eloped from home, staff acted appropriately, 1 consumer to consumer contact (one consumer hit another with his belt and threatened him), staff acted appropriately, 1 consumer restrained for 5 sec. (consumer was hitting metal lockers, restrained for emergency/safety), staff acted appropriately, 1 consumer restrained on and off 10 seconds (new consumer, very aggressive), staff acted appropriately, 1 consumer restrained on and off 27 min. (consumer very aggressive retrained for emergency/safety reasons), staff acted appropriately, 2 consumer to consumer contacts (consumer pushed down another consumer), staff acted appropriately.

The H-NNCSB reported 6 deaths in the community, (natural causes); 1 death reinvestment client, 1 death under investigation homicide or suicide, not determined yet, 2 unfounded allegations of neglect, 1 unfounded allegation of exploitation, 2 founded violations of client confidentiality, (staff received discipline and staff counseling), 1 founded failure to participate in decision making and 3 unfounded failure to follow staff practice, 1 founded failure to follow staff practice, (not sure of outcome, will report at September's meeting). The H-NNCSB now has a Quality Management Division that includes Human Rights, Cooperate Compliance, Licensure Accreditation, etc. and are consulting with the Office of Licensure around licensing an ambulatory Detox program. They also have put together a Specially Constituted Committee to handle ICFMR matters

not related to this committee. Linda Major will contact affiliates to schedule a meeting or discuss an affiliation agreement this was discussed in the past but nothing was ever finalized.

Serenity House reported 2 formal complaints, 1 consumer didn't like her housing arrangement, staff acted appropriately, and 1 consumer didn't like mail service, staff acted appropriately, 2 serious medical incidents, 1 consumer need gallbladder surgery and 1 consumer had severe eczema and needed treatment.

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ADVOCATE REPORT

Stewart Prost reminded members as of July 1st all LHRC's under regulations will have to have a health care practitioner on their committee. The State Human Rights Committee chair sent out a memo indicating what that entails. The office has also been doing Human Rights reviews and randomly selecting programs to review. The reviews are almost complete and now they are identifying any issues that are not in compliance and correcting them. Another on going process is a review of the Human Rights Regulations; there has been a series of sub-committees working on this. If you have comments on the current regulations, please send them e-mail to Margaret Walsh, www.M.Walsh@co.dmhmrzas.va.gov or mail them to the office. The new regulations will probably go into effect in 2006.

OTHER

Fred Mitchell had mailed the program plan for Intensive In-home Services to committee members to review prior to the meeting. The Colonial Services Board is requesting to add the new service. In order to have a new service they must have the acceptance of the human rights committee. Fred Mitchell invited Laura Tuck to discuss in depth their plan for Intensive In-Home Services.

ACTION

A motion was made to approve

Dr. Tennille reminded members if you have any issues that you would like to bring up to board, please mail them to members in advance. Linda Major from H-NNCSB apologized for not mailing out information in advance, but she had just received it. Linda explained that the information was on Rules of Conduct with minor revisions received from the new program manager from Adult Mental Residential Services that had been approved previously by the

committee. After a brief discussion it was decided to invite the new program manager and address this at the September's meeting.

**NEXT REGULARLY
SCHEDULED
MEETING**

The next regular meeting was scheduled to be held at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13, 2005, at the H-NNCSB.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Submitted by Dana Creech and Timothy W. Dorsey