

## SOUTHEAST ALLIANCE

### LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING

5:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 13, 2007

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Board Room, CSB Central

Members Present: Nathaniel Parker  
Shirley Atkins  
Maude Robinson  
Richard Flournoy

Members Absent: Martha Tennille  
Timothy Dorsey  
Joshua Cartwright

Affiliates Present: Linda Major  
Michelle Iwaniw  
Fred Mitchell  
Stephanie Selmer  
Willie Barnes – Advocate  
Julie Palmer  
Rachel Gholston  
Joseph Jacobs

**CALL TO ORDER** Nathaniel Parker called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m.

**INTRODUCTIONS** Brief introductions were made.

**ACTION:** A motion was made as follows: “Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting on December 12, 2006.” The motion was seconded and approved unanimously without further discussion.

**NEW BUSINESS** Nathaniel Parker announces to the committee members that a Volunteer Recognition Luncheon is being held on April 3, 2007 at 12:30pm. The event will take place in Staunton, Virginia, Stonewall Jackson Hotel. Attending are Shirley Adkins, Nathaniel Parker, and perhaps Michelle Iwaniw.

Linda Major states that the H-NNCSB will either provide transportation for the luncheon or reimbursement out of the affiliates fund for members that wish to drive.

Willie Barnes states that letters were sent out from the state to committee members, volunteers, and directors regarding the Luncheon, which included the cost for non-volunteers.

**OLD BUSINESS** Mr. Parker mentions that at the last meeting they discussed adding new affiliates to the committee. He states that he talked to Mr. Reginald Daye about adding additional affiliates. Mr. Daye stated that there is no reason to add new affiliates since there are already two large boards, Colonial and Hampton-Newport News. Mr. Daye also was concerned about affiliates stating that LHRC could use the affiliates’ attorney, which is not allowed. The LHRC has access to the SHRC and its resources if needed. Mr. Mitchell commented that should the LHRC experience difficulties with demands from the SHRC, use of the SHRC as a resource may prove to be difficult. Mr. Parker stated that the committee will not be forced to accept new affiliates per Mr. Daye. Mr. Parker stated that the topic was raised because an affiliate expressed concerns that the fees required of the affiliates are a burden; increasing the number of affiliates would be one way to decrease the per affiliate fee. Mr. Mitchell and Ms. Major commented that the affiliates might want to reconvene and look at the current assessment process.

Mr. Parker asks for agency reports.

### Agency Reports

**H-NNCSB-Linda Major** reported that there are 5 out of 6 buildings occupied on the new campus and the Administration building is left to occupy hopefully in August. She stated that H-NNCSB reported 10 deaths- 4 were natural death and two occurred in our group home, 5 of the 10 were case management consumers and 2 were outpatient consumers in one our Pact programs; 4 were natural causes, 1- was an accidental choking, 5- were unknown cause, There were 8- allegations of violation of right during the last quarter, 4- were unfounded, and 2- were unable to be determined, 2 were founded.

**Colonial Services Board- Fred Mitchell** reported that there were 4- deaths in the community, 2- stroke, 1- cancer, 1- fatal automobile accident, 1- community complaint in the area of confidentiality just initiated. Fred Mitchell stated the agency is hoping to add another facility for children services in July located on Capital Landing Road in Williamsburg.

**Serenity House- Stephanie Selmer** reports no complaints. The agency is updating their policies regarding Rights of Persons Served and is eliminating all seclusion and restraint. They will be implementing a different training on behavioral management. They also revised house rules, major rules, and cardinal rules, which is a subset. The revised rules added nothing new but made the rules more concise and identified those incidents which could lead to dismissal. After discussion, Mr. Parker clarified that he did not need anything further from the agency. A motion was made and seconded that the committee approve the changes as described by Ms. Selmer and Mr. Jacobs.

**ARC-Julie Palmer** reports that ARC had 2- medication errors; 1- allegation of neglect that was founded, 1- allegation of abuse that was founded and employee was terminated, 3- restraints used for safety and protection reasons, and 2- significant medical injuries/incident, which is a total of 9.

**Lutheran Family Services'-Rachel Gholston** had no reports of neglect, violation of right, or abuse. Lutheran Family Services will be changing the Human Rights policy before the next meeting in June. Rachel announces that Brian Lobigs is the new Chief Financial Officer.

### **ADVOCATE REPORTS**

Willie Barnes states that the committee has a rotation on July 1<sup>st</sup> for a new member as Dr. Tenille is rotating off of the committee. She reminded members to respond to Mr. Daye's correspondence regarding their intent to continue participation on the committee.

Linda encourages the affiliates to recruit anyone in the community or a consumer or family member to serve on the committee.

Mr. Parker states that there will be reappointments for Tim Dorsey, Maude Robinson, and Richard Flournoy on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

A motion was made as follows: "Motion for acceptance of continuous members: Maude and Richard. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously without further discussion.

Nathaniel Parker asks the committee if there is any other business.

**ADJOURNMENT**      There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30p.m.