

**SOUTHSIDE LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING**

**La Crosse Fire Department
La Crosse, Virginia
September 4, 2013**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Will Woodall, Chair, Mona Rainey and Gloria Barnes

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jacqueline Barnette

AFFILIATES PRESENT: Affiliate members are not required at a “Called Board Meeting”. Willie and Margaret Moseley, Safe Harbor Group Home, LLC.

AFFILIATES ABSENT: n/a

OTHERS PRESENT: Beverly Garnes, Regional Advocate and Dee Holland/ Southside Community Services Board

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Will Woodall at 12:08p.m. A quorum was present in order to conduct LHRC official business which could not be conducted at the scheduled on July 10, 2013.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

INTRODUCTIONS: All of those present introduced themselves to each other.

APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES: The meeting minutes for the Special Called Meeting on April 25, 2013, as well as the “unofficial” on July 10, 2013, were approved as written. A request for a motion was made by Mr. Woodall to approve the minutes. Mona Rainey made the motion and Gloria Barnes seconded the motion to approve the minutes of both meetings.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER: No new introductions.

AFFLIATION REQUEST: Willie Moseley, Safe Harbor Group Home, LLC. was present to provide the LHRC Board with information regarding his facility as a means to gain approval from the LHRC Board for approval. Mr. Moseley shared the following information with those present.

Safe Harbor Group Home, LLC. is a group home owned by Margaret and Willie Moseley, for the intellectual disabled (MR) that provides 24 hour supervision and monitoring of residents in a community-based, home-like dwelling. The group home is located at: 516 Horse Horn Road, Red Oak, Virginia. Safe Harbor Group Home, LLC., can house residents starting at age 18. Our vision is: “Every

person is capable of growth.” The services at Safe Harbor Group Home, LLC., include: 24 hour security and staff assistance medication management, access to the health and medical services, assistance with activities of daily living, health promotion and exercise programs, planned social and recreational activities, three nutritious meals and snacks daily, daily housekeeping, scheduled transportation, utilities, and help in the event of an emergency. One of the vital functions or services is to facilitate programming in accordance with the resident’s individualized service plan. Necessary errands are scheduled for and/ or with residents whether it is shopping for groceries or buying essential supplies for the household. Residents shall be given assistance to communicate verbally and in writing with the staff, with each other, resident families, advocate, and the general public. Safe Harbor Group Home, LLC., recognizes that all individuals are unique and have the right to participate in all decisions affecting their welfare and future.

Mr. Moseley went on to note that he has submitted a Human Rights Compliance Verification form to Margaret Walsh, State Human Rights Director, and have received written approval from the SHRD to affiliate with a LHRC. He requested affiliation with the Southside Local Human Rights Committee. Mr. Moseley also noted this was his first home. He is hoping to house four (4) when the group home opens and can house up to eight (8).

Mr. Moseley was asked by Mrs. Garnes to notify her when he gets his first clients as she would like to visit the group home at that time. Mrs. Rainey also stated she would like to visit as well.

Mr. Woodall requested a motion to accept Mr. Moseley e.g. Safe Harbor Group Home, LLC., as an Affiliate member. A motion was made by Mrs. Rainey and it was seconded by Gloria Barnes.

REGIONAL ADVOCATE’S REPORT: Mrs. Garnes noted the need for additional members on the LHRC Board. At the next meeting, there needed to be an election of officers, especially to elect a Vice-Chair in order to conduct business in the absence of the Chair.

Mrs. Garnes went on to report on the “Virginia Freedom of Information Act”, whereas there were no specific changes in the information other than the cover page of the report. Mrs. Garnes went on to note that “there is free access to meetings, such as the LHRC, unless there is a closed session. She noted meetings were advertised on the website and drafts of meeting minutes should be posted within ten (10) days and posting of approved meeting minutes within three (3) days. She also discussed the process of the use of members of the Board being absent and use of telecommunications. There must be a quorum present if a member is going to be present via phone.

AFFILIATION REPORTS: No Affiliate reports were given at this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: There continues to need to be three additional members of the Board elected to serve, one Health Care Professional, one consumer and another Professional or Family Member. All members of the Board and Affiliates are requested to seek new members.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Woodall made a motion to elect Mona Rainey as the “Interim” Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded by Gloria Barnes. Mrs. Rainey will assume this role until a permanent LHRC Board Vice Chair is elected.

Dates and times for the LHRC meetings for the remainder of the year were discussed. It was suggested that there be two noon time meetings, which could be held at the La Crosse Fire Department and two night time meetings, which can continue to be held at the SSCSB CSP in South Hill. The decision to bring this decision to the full meeting in October was decided before any changes were motioned and voted on.

The next meeting will be:

Tuesday, October 15, 2013, at 6:00p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:52p.m. by Will Woodall.