

# DRAFT

SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD  
**LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE**  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
Brian's Steak House Restaurant  
South Hill, Virginia  
Monday, April 27, 2009

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Thomas Bullock, Chair; Gloria Sharber, Vice-Chair; Barbara Kittrell; Mona Rainey

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Diane Snoddy; Teresa Smith

**AFFILIATES PRESENT:** Melissa Morris/Community Memorial Pavilion; Susan Chandler/Family Preservation Services; Anne Leggett/Family Preservation Services; Kerry Halbert & Donna Newman/Presbyterian Homes; Adrian Kittrell/Palmer Springs Home and Palmer Springs Psychosocial Program; Pamela Smith/United Methodist Family Services; Susan Ponton/Family First; Marguerite Tillerson/United Friends; Tifani Hayes/Stepping Stones Home and Psychosocial Day Program; Richard Gilman/Blue Ridge Residential Services; Teri Bistarkey, LCSW/Community Living, Inc.; Diane Exner & George Martin/The Lamano Agency; C. Boyd-Morton/The Madeline Centre; Silvia Hill/Alliant Consortium

**AFFILIATES ABSENT:** Harriet Outlaw/G & H Group Home; Brian Hudgins/Halifax Regional Health System; S. Hawkins/Anderson Mediation Services/Family Coaching; V. Duncan/DePaul Family Services

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Roanna Deal/SVMHI Advocate; Valaria Seamans/SSCSB Advocate; Marilyn Newby/Phoenix-N-Peace/Hope Intensive In-Home Services; Denise Campbell/Divine Transformation In-Home Services; Ovelton D. Malone/LEVOC Family Services, LLC.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Thomas Bullock, Chair. A quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES:** Draft minutes of the January 26, 2009, meeting were approved.

**AFFILIATION REQUESTS:**

Marilyn Newby of Phoenix-N-Peace, Inc./Hope Intensive In-Home Services, requested affiliation with the LHRC. They are located on Main Street, Chase City, Virginia. Dorothy Ragsdale is the Program Director. They have been opened for about 7 months, and have 23 counselors that serve ages 5-22, providing case management, individual counseling and family counseling, and crisis intervention. Services are provided for 10

hours per individual per week. There are currently 10 on their waiting list. Service hours are provided according to the needs of the clients. The request for affiliation was approved by the LHRC.

Ovelton Malone/LEVOC Family Services, LLC, requested affiliation with the LHRC. LEVOC Family Services, LLC, provided Intensive In-Home Services out of Franklin, Virginia. They are planning to provide services in Emporia, Virginia. Emporia, Virginia is not served by the LHRC. After discussion, the LHRC approved the request for affiliation contingent upon receiving appropriate licensure information/human rights office information confirming the service area. Mr. Malone stated that Ms. Miles had given him the information concerning his affiliation with this LHRC. This information will be clarified by Mrs. Seamans/SSCSB Advocate on 4/28/09. Mrs. Seamans will in turn notify Mr. Malone, Roanna Deal, and Thomas Bullock of her findings.

Denise Campbell/Divine Residential Services, LLC., requested affiliation with the LHRC. Residential services will be provided at 227 North Main Street, Lawrenceville, Virginia. Divine Residential Services, LLC., currently has 15 counselors and 2 case managers. Services are provided for individuals ages 4 to 21. They provide individual counseling, family management, intensive in-home and crisis stabilization services. The request for affiliation was approved by the LHRC.

**LOCAL ADVOCATE'S REPORT:** Valaria Seamans, SSCSB Advocate, reported that there had been one complaint made during this reporting period. This complaint involved non-specific information regarding a staff person being rude and having an attitude. This case remains under investigation. Mrs. Seamans was also seeking approval from the LHRC for a revision to the SSCSB Restraint Policy. Minor changes in wording have been made, clearly stating that only MANDT trained staff are allowed to restrain a consumer. The revisions to the SSCSB Restraint Policy were approved by the LHRC.

**REGIONAL ADVOCATE'S REPORT:** Roanna Deal, HR Advocate, reported that effective this month (April) she will be the HR Advocate over this LHRC. Ms. Deal brought new Peer To Peer reporting forms and new HR posters. Ms. Deal stated that all human rights complaints are to be addressed with her. Peer to Peer reports, monthly reporting, and all other human rights activity is to be reported to Ms. Deal. Sherry Miles has been re-assigned to the Richmond area. Ms. Deal stated that allegations of abuse need to be reported to the Department of Social Services, without waiting to decide if the abuse occurred or not. Ms. Deal stated that she will be doing site reviews/visits, and will review employee records, case records, etc. She expects to see the human rights posters with the correct information. Ms. Deal made it clear that site visits will be unannounced. She will send her findings report to the appropriate agency with a copy to be sent to licensure department. The LHRC welcomed Ms. Deal to our LHRC area.

#### **AFFILIATE REPORTS:**

G & H Group Home, Inc. - absent

Halifax Regional Health System – absent

Community Memorial Pavilion – there was nothing to report

Family Preservation Services/Halifax - nothing new to report/no incidents

Family Preservation Services/Victoria – no reports, except that license is pending for Mental Health Support services in Mecklenburg County.

Family First – no changes and no complaints – have been holding groups for juvenile probation and parole on anger management.

United Friends - have had a few incidents which were reported to Human Rights, there were no injuries.

Presbyterian Homes - reported that everything was stable

Community Living, Inc. – reports that community support is going fine

Palmer Springs Group Home – nothing new to report

Palmer Springs Psycho-Social Program - everything is going fine

Stepping Stones Group Home - reported that a client took another client's medications the report was sent and the incident is still under investigation.

Stepping Stones Day Support - they have had peer to peer, but no incidents

The Madeline Centre - nothing new to report

The Lamano Agency – nothing new to report

United Methodist Family Services – nothing new to report

Blue Ridge Residential Services - reported no complaints, no allegations, will be opening a new home in Virgilina, Virginia.

Anderson Mediation/Family Coaching Services - absent

Alliant Consortium - is providing human services, outreach and Mental Health

DePaul Family Services - absent

**OLD BUSINESS:** There was no old business to be brought before the committee.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The next meeting is scheduled to be held at the Lamplighter Restaurant in Clarksville, Virginia, on July 27, 2009, 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**UPCOMING LHRC MEETING DATES:**

**JULY 27, 2009                      6:00 P.M.      Lamplighter Restaurant, Clarksville, Va.**

**OCTOBER 26, 2009                6:00 P. M.      Brian's Restaurant, South Hill, Va.**