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MINUTES
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
24 Clay Street
February 28, 2012 – 4:00 P.M.

LHRC MEMBERS ATTENDING: Jim Rountree, Rhonda Stone, Sharon Hooker and Sharon Shepherd

MEMBERS ABSENT: Linda Smith, Jerry Womack and Nancy Davis

OTHERS ATTENDING: Becky Lovell and Ron Hairston, Piedmont Community Services, Kevin Paluszak and Jennifer Kovack, Office of Human Rights.

I. Call to Order - Rhonda Stone

Vice Chair Rhonda Stone called the meeting to order. This meeting was called for the purpose of discussing and voting on matters that were not voted on at the February 21 meeting due to not having a quorum present.

II. Approval of November 15, 2011 Minutes – Rhonda Stone

Committee members reviewed the minutes from the November 15, 2011 meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as presented followed. The motion received a second and a unanimous vote approving the minutes as presented followed.

III. Discussion and Approval of Affiliation Requests as follows:

Representatives from the following companies personally appeared before the LHRC at the February 21, 2012 meeting to request affiliation and answer questions. Due to there not being a quorum present at that meeting, a subcommittee consisting of LHRC members Jim Rountree and Sharon Shepherd was formed to hear affiliation requests. Affiliation requests were as follows:

1. Roanoke Advocate Programs, Inc. - Valerie Koeppel of Roanoke Advocate Programs, Inc. was present at the February 21, 2012 meeting and told committee members that her company has been in operation for 36 years and have locations in 18 states. They have been in business in Roanoke for three years. They provide In-Home Services, Foster Care Services in Martinsville and youth behavioral health services. Consumers will be served from the Roanoke office, which is located on Brandon Avenue. The reason for the affiliation request is that they will cross human rights geographic boundaries. They are not new to the state but they are new to the area. They do not plan to serve a large number of consumers in this area.

After reviewing and discussing information provided by Roanoke Advocate Programs, Inc., a motion was made to approve this request for affiliation and it received a second. A unanimous vote of approval followed.

2. Intercept youth Services, Inc - Jennifer Sherman of Intercept Youth Service

was at the February 21, 2012 LHRC meeting to request affiliation to expand services to include a new office location at 1549 Franklin Street, Rocky Mount.

After reviewing and discussing information provided to the committee by Intercept Youth Service, a motion was made to approve this request and the motion received a second. A unanimous vote of approval followed.

3. Phoenix, LLC - Rochelle Potter with Phoenix, LLC, was at the February 21, 2012 meeting to request affiliation to provide Intensive in-home services in our service area. Rochelle advised the committee that Phoenix has a full time staff that includes a full-time psychiatrist (Dr. Labineka), and the plan to offer Substance Abuse Services, Medication Maintenance, ID related Job Skills Training, Prevocational job skills, etc. Their funding will come from Medicaid. They will serve adults age 18+ and can serve a maximum of 80 before adding additional staff. Referrals will come from hospital, medical professionals, court services and parole.

After reviewing and discussing information provided to the committee by Phoenix, LLC, a motion was made to approve this request for affiliation and the motion received a second. A unanimous vote of approval followed.

4. EHS Support Services – Mary Laughinghouse of EHS Support Services was present at the February 21, 2012 meeting to request an expansion of their affiliation to include crisis stabilization services. They are currently affiliated.

After reviewing and discussing the information provided to the committee by EHS Support Services, a motion was made to approval this affiliation request. The motion received a second and a unanimous vote to approve the request followed.

IV. Other:

a. Becky led a discussion regarding the need for a larger space for meetings since the number of affiliates has grown significantly over the last couple of years. She will check on the availability of New College in Uptown Martinsville and the Frith Building at Patrick Henry Community College and report at the next meeting.

V. Upcoming LHRC Meeting Dates:

May 8, 2012, 4:00 pm Meeting/Annual Appreciation Dinner immediately following meeting – Quality Inn/Dutch Inn, Collinsville

August 14, 2012 – 4-6:00 pm, 24 Clay Street

November 13, 2012 – 4-6:00 pm, 24 Clay Street

Respectfully submitted by:

Becky Lovell