

**DRAFT**  
**MINUTES**  
**LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE**  
**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

**August 23, 2011 – 4:00 pm.**  
**24 Clay Street, Martinsville, VA**

LHRC MEMBERS ATTENDING: Nancy Davis, Sharon Shepherd and Rhonda Stone

AFFILIATES: Carla Yopp (Trinity Support Services), Vicki Adams (MPowering Kids) and Donald Wheeler (ATIBA)

OTHERS ATTENDING: Roanna Deal (Office of Human Rights), Becky Lovell (Piedmont Community Services), Ron Hairston (Piedmont Community Services), Persons to be interviewed for the LHRC – Jim Rountree, Linda P. Smith, Jerry Womack and Sharon Hooker, Daniel Spencer (PCS Case Manager) and others concerning two “next friend” (TH and JS) requests and one Life Alert Request for JS.

I. Nancy Davis, LHRC Chairman, called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

II. Executive Session

Nancy Davis asked for a motion to go into closed session. A motion was made and passed that the Piedmont Community Services LHRC go into Executive Session pursuant to Virginia Code, 2.2-3711A (4 & 15), for the purpose of discussing Next Friend requests for TH and JS. This review necessarily involved discussion and consideration of mental and medical records excluded and information excluded from the Freedom of Information Act.

Upon reconvening in public session, the Piedmont Community Services LHRC unanimously certified that to the best of each Committee member’s knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the Executive Session were discussed in the Executive Session.

- a. A motion was made and passed to approve the “next friend” requests for TH and JS.
- b. A motion was made and passed to approve a Life Alert request for JS.
- c. A motion was made and passed to approve Dr. James E. Rountree, Sr. as a LHRC committee member. Dr. Rountree will serve as a concerned citizen for a three-year term upon receiving approval from the SHRC.
- d. A motion was made and passed to approve Sandra G. Hooker as a LHRC committee member. Sandra will serve as a health care professional for a three-year term upon receiving approval from the SHRC.
- e. A motion was made and passed to approve Jerry Womack as a consumer for a three-year term upon receiving approval from the SHRC.

f. A motion was made and passed to approve Linda Payne Smith as a family member from the Patrick County area for a three-year term upon receiving approval from the SHRC.

III. Affiliation requests:

1. Carla Yopp, representing Trinity Support Services, advised committee members that they have established a location at the West Piedmont Development Center on Main Street in Martinsville. They have been tenants there for approximately three months and requested to provide mental health support services for adults. They had a site review on Thursday. A motion was made and passed to approve Trinity's request to provide mental health support services through the Martinsville location.
2. Donald Wheeler, representing ATIBA, requested to add mental health support services in the Danville-Pittsylvania County area and have an office located at 3401 Westover Drive, Suite A-1, in Danville. They will be able to serve 16-17 consumers. They have been in business since 2008. A motion was made and passed to approve ATIBA's request to add mental health support services in the Danville-Pittsylvania County area.
3. Vicki Adams, representing MPowering Kids Mentoring, requested the addition of Day Treatment Services in the Martinsville/Henry County and Danville/Pittsylvania County. They have a location at 625 Piney Forest Road 304A in Danville and have been in business since 2005. A motion was made and passed to approve MPowering Kids request to provide Day Treatment Services in Martinsville/Henry County and in Danville/Pittsylvania County.

IV. Recruitment – Nancy Davis

Nancy advised committee members that Gail Ross submitted her resignation from the LHRC. She has moved and cannot attend meetings due to the distance of travel involved. She plans to return to her home at some time in the future and would be interested in serving on the committee at a later date should she be needed.

Nancy advised committee members that after the four interviews today, all seven positions on the LHRC will be filled upon approval from the SHRC.

V. Approval of the May 3, 2011 minutes (Not approved at the 8/9/11 meeting due the lack of a quorum.) – Nancy Davis

The minutes of the May 3, 2011 meeting were approved as presented.

VI. Upcoming Meeting & Training:

Tuesday, November 15, 4:00 pm. – 24 Clay Street - Martinsville

**Roanna Deal, our Regional Advocate, will provide training for the new LHRC members on Tuesday, November 15, 3:00 pm – 24 Clay Street**

Respectfully submitted,

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Becky Lovell