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LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING

February 12, 2008 – 4:00 P.M.
24 Clay Street – 2nd Floor Conference Room

ATTENDING: Aleen Wilson, Jerri Crews, Jim Potter, Jerry Womack, Sharon Shepherd, and Nancy Davis

OTHERS ATTENDING: Jenny Mays (Hope Tree Family Services), George Martin and Diane Exner (Lamano Agency), Henry Ayers (PARC), Ray Jones (Wall Residences) Sam Gray (National Counseling), Scott Worley (Creative Family Solutions), Lynda Edgehill (Goodwill), Donna Hodges (EHS), Carl Hodges (EHS Support Services), Naquiar Johnson and Mary Menefee (Mayo Residential), Peggy Tunnell (Memorial Hospital), Sherry Miles (Regional Advocate), and Jim Rountree and Becky Lovell (Piedmont Community Services).

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rob Hiatt

Chairman Aleen Wilson brought the meeting to order.

I. Approval of Committee Minutes – Aleen Wilson

After reviewing the minutes for the November 6, 2007 meeting, a motion was made, seconded and passed to approve them as presented.

II. CBS Activities – Jim Rountree

- a. Jim reported that the construction of the new Franklin County office is on schedule. The new building should be ready to move into during the latter part of May. A grand opening is being planed during the first two weeks of June. The new office is located on Technology Drive in Rocky Mount.
- b. The new group home (Wanda Jones Place) in Franklin County is complete and plans are to move residents there next week. An open house and ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for March 14, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. LHRC members and affiliates were invited to attend.
- c. Things are getting back to normal after the December 30 fire at Church Street Square Apartments. Residents have moved back into most of the apartments on the first and second floors, with the exception being several apartments with water damage. Residents on the third floor cannot move back until roof repairs and additional stairs are completed. The community has been generous in their support, donating clothing, food, and money. No one was hurt in the fire.

III. Regional Advocate's Report – Sherry Miles

- a. Peer-to-Peer Incidents – Sherry reviewed what constitutes a peer-to-peer incident. These incidents involve kicking, hitting, spitting, and other physical contact between consumers. According to Sherry, these reports should not be emailed but sent by fax. She also suggested that affiliates review peer-to-peer incidents and reporting with their staff.
- b. In response to recent changes in human rights regulations, affiliates are required to update their policies and procedures prior to March 1, 2008. A letter must also be sent to Margaret Walsh, State Human Rights Director, advising that this update has been completed. This letter must be sent before March 1 by either regular mail or email.
- c. Sherry provided everyone with a copy of the fall edition of “Human Writes”, the State Human Rights Committee newsletter.
- d. Sherry provided training for the Human Rights Committee regarding recent changes in the human rights regulations and was held one hour prior to today's meeting.

IV. Affiliate Request – Creative Family Solutions

a. Creative Family Solutions has requested affiliation with the LHRC. Mr. Scott Worley, representing Creative Family Solutions, reported on CFS and the services offered by his company. The company office is located in Christiansburg. They are affiliated with ten LHRCs throughout the state. CFS offers one-on-one services and accepts referrals from agencies such as PCS. After discussing the matter, a motion was made, seconded and passed approving Creative Family Solutions for affiliation with the LHRC.

VI. Other:

- a. Jim Rountree reported that PCS is now offering Crises Stabilization services for those presenting in crises. After discussing the matter, a motion was made, seconded and passed to approve this additional service.
- b. Ray Jones, Wall Residences, reported that his company is planning to offer group home services in Rocky Mount. Robin and Lance Zepp have joined Wall Residences and have three years experience previous residential provider experience with DePaul Family Services. The Zepps transferred one individual when joining Wall Residences. They plan to serve a total of three individuals. After discussing the matter, a motion was made, seconded and passed to approve this additional service.

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, May 13, 2008, 4:00 p.m. – Quality Inn/Dutch Inn, Meeting and Annual Appreciation Dinner

Respectfully submitted by:

Dr. James E. Rountree, Sr.