

# LHRC Meeting Minutes

# July 12, 2007

LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

<u>Agenda Action Items</u>	<u>Action</u>
Minutes – May 10, 2007	<i>Approved</i>
Strengthening Our System, Inc. Report	<i>Accepted</i>
Wall Residences Report	<i>Accepted</i>
Behavioral Plan (with modifications)	<i>Approved</i>

**Welcome and Introductions** — Chairman Bill Fitzpatrick welcomed everyone and invited those in attendance to join in the introductions.

**Minutes: May 10, 2007** — The committee reviewed the minutes for May 10, 2007. Dr. Pam Tessnear motioned to approve the minutes and Dr. Yannis Stivachtis seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Public Comment** — Mr. Larry Morrisett introduced Camelot Services of Virginia and noted that they would be appearing before the committee for affiliation at a later date. He explained that Camelot plans to provide services in Wytheville, Radford, and Roanoke and will soon be adding Graham's Forge and Abingdon. He also provided the committee with a brief explanation of current services and handouts regarding Camelot's program overview, philosophy, and objectives.

**Regional Advocate's Report** — Nan Neese

Ms. Neese updated the committee on several changes in requirements that will be occurring in the near future. She noted that agencies will be required to notify the LHRC of any additions in locations, services or other licensing changes prior to Licensing approving the modification. She also stated that Human Rights Activity reports may be reported in closed session in the future in order to better protect client confidentiality. She noted that while these reports are helpful for affiliates to hear, in order to protect information specific to the company, its clients, and its processes, it may be advisable to consider those reports in closed sessions.

Ms. Neese also stressed the importance of recruitment for the current vacancies on the committee. She requested that affiliates encourage consumers to apply.

## **Human Rights Activity Report:**

*Strengthening Our System, Inc.* — Ms. Parris Stafford presented the annual Human Rights Activity report for Strengthening Our System. She explained that S.O.S. is currently affiliated with both the New River Valley and Roanoke Region's Human Rights Committees and has 44 cases: 21 mental health support, 17 mental retardation Waiver, and 6 developmental disability Waiver. She stated that in the last year, there were no incidents of restraint or requirements of behavioral management implementation. Dr. Tessnear motioned to accept the report, and Dr. Stivachtis seconded the motion. The report was accepted unanimously.

- *Wall Residences* — Ms. Shelly Barry and Mr. Ray Jones, III distributed the annual Human Rights report for Wall Residences. They gave members a brief overview of the residential support services that they have been offering since 1995. The members decided to postpone accepting the report until they had opportunity to read through the report in its entirety. Wall Residences will return to the next meeting for the full presentation of the report.

## **Committee Members:**

William Fitzpatrick, Chair  
Evelyn Gland, Vice-Chair  
Jacqueline Fagan-Myal  
Pam Tessnear  
Yannis Stivachtis

## **Members Present:**

Bill Fitzpatrick  
Pam Tessnear  
Yannis Stivachtis

## **Members Absent:**

Evelyn Gland  
Jackie Fagan-Myal

## **Others Present:**

Larry Morrisett,  
Camelot of VA  
Ivon Velckovic,  
Lakeview Blue Ridge  
Victoria Harding,  
Lakeview Blue Ridge  
Michael Turner,  
Carilion St. Albans  
Ray Jones, III,  
Wall Residences  
Shelly Barry,  
Wall Residences  
Shannon May,  
Braley and Thompson  
Parris Stafford,  
Strengthening Our System  
Nan Neese, Regional  
Advocate, DMHMRSAS

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## Discussion/ Review of Behavioral/ Restrictive Plans:

**CLOSED SESSION:** Dr. Pam Tessnear moved that the NRV LHRC convene into a closed meeting in accordance with §2.2.3711.A(4) and (15) of the Code of VA to protect the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business and to consider medical records namely to conduct review individualized Behavioral/ Restrictive Plans submitted by Wall Residences, LLC. The motion was seconded by Dr. Yannis Stivachtis and passed unanimously.

The Committee reconvened in public session. Dr. Pam Tessnear made the motion to certify that to the best of her knowledge only those matters lawfully exempted from public business and identified in the motion were heard, discussed and considered by the LHRC. Dr. Yannis Stivachtis seconded the motion and each member so certified.

The NRV LHRC approved the behavioral plan with modifications. The final behavioral plan reflecting the modifications will be presented to the committee at the next regularly schedule meeting.

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.**

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