

ALEXANDRIA LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Minutes of October 15, 2008 meeting

Community Services Board Offices

Alexandria, Virginia

Committee Members Present: Jim Ewalt, Molly O'Shea, M. Andrea Rakmanov, Deborah Sikes, and Scott Singleton. Members Excused: Amrita Banerjee, Gerylee Baron, Marisa Brown, Kelly Hauck, and, Mary LoCicero. Also present: Phil Caldwell, CSB; Nan Goodwin, CSB; Diana Sabados, CSB Liaison; and, Tim Simmons, Senior Human Rights Advocate.

Call to Order:

A quorum was declared and the meeting was called to order by The Vice Chair, Scott Singleton, at 7:24 PM.

Report from the CSB Human Rights Liaison:

Diana reported on three completed investigations. No further action was taken on any of them.

Diana presented the Residential House Rules for review. Phil spoke about them and answered questions from the committee members. Molly moved and Deborah seconded that they be approved. The motion was adopted.

Diana and Phil presented the Quarterly Behavior Plan for the Committee.

Diana presented for approval a proposed research project, "Alcohol, Suicide and HIV Prevention." It was previously approved by the IRB and appears to meet the criteria set out in 12 VAC 115 – 130. Deborah moved and Andrea seconded that the project be approved as presented. The motion was adopted.

Report from the State Human Rights Advocate:

Tim reported that the State is encouraging the LHRC's to continue with their action plans that were initiated at the training session in September. They will be presented at next year's training.

Tim reported that the State will hold quarterly training and orientation meetings that may be attended by any new LHRC members. They are scheduled for: January 15 (7 PM at the Northern Virginia Training Center); April 16; July 16; and, October 17 (9 AM – 3 PM at the annual training).

Minutes of Last Meeting:

Molly moved and Deborah seconded that the minutes of the September 17, 2008 meeting be approved. The motion was adopted.

Other Business:

Two items to be included on the agenda for the next meeting are: 1. Set the meeting schedule for 2009; and, 2. Determine requirements for affiliate participation including how often they should be present at LHRC meetings.

Adjournment:

Scott moved and Jim seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for 7 PM on Wednesday, November 19, 2008, at the CSB offices in Alexandria.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Ewalt, Secretary