

METROPOLITAN LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Minutes

JULY 29, 2021

9:34 a.m.

Diversity Training and Support Center

APPROVED

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kim Lawrence Johnson, Chair

Shaketa Draughn, Vice-Chair

Kiva Gatewood, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

TECHNICAL ADVISOR:

Andrea Milhouse, Human Rights Advocate

GUESTS:

Alandus Beggs, New Hope Youth, LLC

Crystal Burgess, Hope Tree Family Services

Nikivias Goode, The Ithiel Group

CALL TO ORDER

Kimberly Johnson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. Those in attendance made introductions.

AGENDA

The committee was informed that the agenda was modified, as committee member Danielle Johnson's name was removed and committee member Kiva Gatewood's name was added. United Methodist Family Services was removed from the agenda, as they will present before another LHRC. Kiva Gatewood made a motion to amend the agenda, seconded by Shaketa Draughn.

MINUTES

The minutes of the March 25, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Kiva Gatewood made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Shaketa Draughn and approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

ADVOCATE UPDATE

Data Review– Andrea Milhouse provided an update on the 1st quarter of 2021 Abuse Allegations and Complaints. There were 608 abuse/neglect allegation cases reported, of which 82 were substantiated. There were 24 complaints with 4 resulting in violations.

Committee Membership Update – New members, Kiva Gatewood and Pamela Jones were appointed to the committee during SHRC June 2021 meeting. Christina Vernon's term ended 6/30/2021 and she has served the maximum terms for the committee. Danielle Johnson has submitted reappointment documents and is awaiting SHRC appointment, possibly during August 2021 SHRC meeting. Committee will interview two prospective members today.

LHRC Training – Review of, "How to Call for Motions and Votes".

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Provider review of investigation/shift change procedures. For review at next LHRC meeting in September, motion to table review of provider's investigation protocol and shift change procedures made by Kiva Gatewood, seconded by Shaketa Draughn.

#### NEW BUSINESS

One review of Restrictive Programs by New Hope Youth, LLC. Interview of two potential Metropolitan LHRC members today. Committee welcomed new member, Kiva Gatewood.

#### CLOSED SESSION FOR REVIEWS OF HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES

**CLOSED (EXECUTIVE) SESSION-** Upon a motion made by Kiva Gatewood, and seconded by Shaketa Draughn, followed by reading of the purpose statement, the committee entered closed session pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711, a.15 and §2.2-37.05.5 for the purpose of discussion of medical record /treatment plans.

There was a presentation by the provider in attendance, followed by questions and discussion regarding the requested restrictions, what strategies and interventions have been tried prior to now, and review of supporting documentation by a committee.

Blue Ridge Residential Services Provider did not attend this meeting.

New Hope Youth, LLC Provider presented restriction request.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION** – Kiva Gatewood made a motion to come out of Closed Session, seconded by Shaketa Draughn. Upon returning to Open Session, Kimberly Johnson read the statement regarding returning to open session and members Kimberly Johnson, Shaketa Draughn, and Kiva Gatewood certified that to the best of each ones' knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the closed session were discussed in closed session.

Committee Interviews: The committee interviewed two prospective members, Crystal Burgess and Nikivias Goode. .

**NEXT MEETING** – The next meeting of the Metropolitan LHRC will be Thursday, September 23, 2021, at 9:30 a.m.

**MEETING ADJOURNED** – Kimberly Johnson adjourned the meeting at 11:32 a.m.

These Minutes were transcribed by Andrea Milhouse, Technical Advisor.

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