

Southeastern Virginia Training Center
Local Human Rights Committee
2100 Steppingstone Square
Chesapeake, VA 23320
01/16/2019 at 9:00 AM

MEMBERS PRESENT-

Melvinia Herbert, Vice Chair
Marilyn Nendza
Matthew Albright
Sandy Montez- Gerhardt

MEMBERS ABSENT-

Rick Dinsmore, Chair

OFFICE OF HUMAN RIGHTS-

Reginald Daye- Human Rights Regional Advocate, DBHDS- Region 5
Latoya Wilborne- Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS- Region 5
Courtney Myles- LHRC Support Liaison, DBHDS- Region 5

OTHERS PRESENT-

Holiday House of Portsmouth- Melanie Draughn- Social Worker
Virginia Beach Psychiatric Center- Demetrius Skipwith- Patient Advocate/ Milieu Specialist
Virginia Beach Psychiatric Center- Phillip Riddick- Director of Clinical Services
T. Michele Humphries- Wall Residences Regional Coordinator of Middle Peninsula, Northern Neck, & Hampton Roads

CALL TO ORDER-

Ms. Melvinia Herbert called meeting to order at 9:10 AM. Those in attendance made introductions to include their name and title.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-

The January 16, 2019 agenda was motioned to be accepted by Mr. Matthew Albright, seconded by Ms. Sandy Montez- Gerhardt and unanimously approved by committee members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-

Mr. Albright made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2018 meeting. Ms. Montez- Gerhardt seconded the motion. Committee members then unanimously approved the minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

Chairperson Announcements-

None

Regional Advocate/ Human Rights Advocate Update:

Mr. Daye made the announcements:

- 2 new Advocates for OHR
 - Latoya Wilborne who will be the Advocate for the SEVTC and Virginia Beach Area LHRC's.
 - Carlton Henderson who will be the Advocate for SEA and Suffolk Regional LHRC's
- The regional human rights training covering restrictive plans, research, variances and the fast track human rights regulation amendment took place on December 5, 2018 at Eastern State Hospital.

New Business:

None

OLD BUSINESS

Variances Update

- Holiday House of Portsmouth
 - Visitation Variance
 - Active upon admission
 - No complaints or violations for the 4th quarter
- Virginia Beach Psychiatric Center
 - Staff was trained on the upcoming changes with the locked doors.
 - Director met with the individuals about the changes that are in the future regarding locked doors.
 - There have been no complaints at this time.

- There are alternative options for individuals who do not want to attend groups.
- The staff has been given a tracking sheet on group attendance.
- The changes have been made on the center for emotion and center for drug treatment (detox) units.
- They will be assigned to the Virginia Beach Area LHRC when applicable.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Mr. Albright, seconded by Ms. Montez- Gerhardt and unanimously approved by the committee members at 9:33 AM that the SEVTC LHRC will go into closed session pursuant to VA Code 2.2-3711(A), for the purposes of protecting the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business, namely for the purpose of reviewing a restrictive plan involving an individual of Wall Residence, Inc.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The committee reconvened in open session at 9:38 AM by unanimous vote on a motion by Mr. Albright, seconded by Ms. Montez- Gerhardt. Each member certified that, to the best of each their knowledge, only private business matters, lawfully exempted from statutory open session requirements and identified in the motion by which the closed session was convened, were considered in the closed session, namely for the purpose of Holiday House of Portsmouth visitation incident and reviewing a restrictive plan involving an individual of Wall Residence, Inc.

Recommendation: Motion made by Mr. Albright, seconded by Ms. Montez- Gerhardt and approved by the committee members with the recommendation as follows:

- Wall Residence, Inc. to present quarterly updates on the effectiveness of the restrictive plan put in place for the individual.

NEXT MEETING- April 17, 2019, 9:00 AM at the Southeastern Virginia Training Center- 2100 Steppingstone Square; Chesapeake, VA 23320

MEETING ADJOURNED-

Motion made to ADJOURN the meeting by Mr. Albright, seconded by Ms. Montez-Gerdhardt at 9:42 AM with the unanimous approval of the committee members.