

Northwestern Area LHRC
209 W Criser Road, Front Royal, Virginia
November 4, 2020 at 10:00am
Approved Minutes

LIST MEMBERS PRESENT: Katie Anderson, Renee Waymire, Chris Taylor, Kevin LeVan, Vanessa Santiago, Emma Stasiak, Linda Stasiak, Carol Morgan, and Stacey Umbenour

LIST MEMBERS ABSENT:

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Anderson called meeting to order at 10:05am. Welcome committee members.

MINUTES

August 2020 minutes were motioned to be approved by Mr. Levan and seconded by Ms. Tylor. The committee approved the minutes by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ADVOCATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- DBHDS continues to fight COVID-19 outbreaks in state facilities.
- Community providers continue to send notifications of reopening of day program with COVID-19 precautions in place. Plans to re-open are submitted to the Office of Licensing for review.
- Providers continue to notify DBHDS when they have positive COVID-19 cases for staff and individuals, as well as when they are self-quarantining as part of their COVID-19 response protocols.
- There is a new facility based manager, Brandon Rotenberry. Mr. Rotenberry recently served as the interim Region Manager of Region 3.
- OHR Advocate Heather Hilleary will begin taking over administrative duties for this committee. Agenda items should be sent to Ms. Hilleary along with any questions involving meeting times and location. Ms. Hilleary can be reached by email at heather.hilleary@dbhds.virginia.gov.
- OHR has appointed Mandy Crowder as the Interim Regional Advocate for Region 3.
- Deb Lochart, State Human Rights Director has begun an extended leave prior to her retirement. The former Deputy Director, Taneika Goldman, had been appointed as the new OHR State Director.

AGENDA ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS:

- CLOSED SESSION - Upon a motion made by Mr. Levan and seconded by Ms. Umbenour, 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 personal business not related to public business.
RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - Upon reconvening in open session, all members of the Local Human Rights Committee 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. Certified by all members present.

Motion made by Ms. Morgan and seconded by Ms. Umbenour to approve the following as presented during closed session:

- Western State Hospital – 2 Restriction plans:
 - WSH1 – no recommendations.
 - WSH2 – The following recommendations were made: operationalize the term “good” used on page 6 of the plan, clarify language specific to the individual’s access to snacks, present the dining room restriction at an upcoming LHRC
- Creative Family Solutions – Next Friend review with no recommendations
- Nirvana Residential Services – Next friend review with no recommendations
- Horizon Behavioral Health – 2 Next Friend reviews with no recommendations
- 2021 Meeting Schedule – February 10, 2021; May 12, 2021; August 11, 2021; and November 10, 2021. All meetings to be scheduled at 10:00am at the Northwestern Area CSB located at 209 W. Criser Rd, Front Royal, VA.

NEXT MEETING – February 10, 2021 at 10:00am at 209 W Criser Road, Front Royal, Virginia.

MEETING ADJOURNED – Motion made to adjourn by Mr. Levan seconded by Ms. Umbenour.

Meeting adjourned at 11:16am.

These Minutes were transcribed by Artea Ambrose, Human Rights Advocate.