

Virginia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services- DBHDS

Williamsburg Regional Local Human Rights Committee-LHRC

Adobe Connect
06/24/2019 at 9:00 AM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Frances McBride-Chairman
LaVerne Brooks-Vice Chair
Roberta Racioppi-Member
Augustine Gatling-Lampley-Member
Maria Fuentes-Sherman-Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ed Sedwick-Alternate member

OFFICE OF HUMAN RIGHTS-(OHR)

Reginald Daye – Regional Manager, DBHDS
Latoya Wilborne- Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS
Michael Gause- Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS
April DeLandro- Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS
Lakel Gurley-Upshaw- Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS
Courtney Myles- LHRC Support Liaison, DBHDS

OTHERS PRESENT

Brian Kates- Newport News Behavioral Health Center, LHRC Liaison
Shantel Taylor- James Barry Robinson Center, LHRC Liaison
Michelle Humphries- Wall Residences, LHRC Liaison
Melanie Draughn- Holiday House of Portsmouth, Social Worker
Kerry Kruk- Virginia Beach CSB, LHRC Liaison

CALL TO ORDER

Frances McBride called meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Those in attendance made introductions to include their name and title.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The June 24, 2020 agenda, with the addition of Newport News Behavioral Health Center's variance update and Wall Residences' restrictive plan, was motioned to

be accepted by Ms. Brooks, seconded by Ms. Racioppi and unanimously approved by the committee members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from January 8, 2020 were motioned to be accepted by Ms. Brooks, seconded by Ms. Racioppi and unanimously approved by the committee members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CHAIR-PERSON ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

REGIONAL ADVOCATE/ HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATE REPORT

Mr. Reginald Daye made the announcements:

- This meeting as well as the July meeting will be held via Adobe Connect due to COVID-19.
- Office of Human Rights Region 5 has two new Advocates;
 - April DeLandro who will be housed at SEVTC and ESH
 - Lakel Gurley-Upshaw who will be housed at ESH

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Variance Update-

- Holiday House of Portsmouth
 - Ms. Melanie Draughn presented the quarterly variance update:
 - Visitation Variance
 - Active upon Admission
 - No complaints or violations for the 1st quarter
 - No changes made to the variance
- Virginia Beach DHS-
 - Ms. Kerry Kruk presented an overview of its State Human Rights Committee (SHRC) approved variance to the LHRC members. The quarterly update is a requirement imposed by the SHRC when the variance was approved.

- Approval of variance granted was by the SHRC in October 2017 for 3 years.
- The variance addresses telephone use and visitation.
 - 7 instances of contraband that were provided to staff or discovered during intake for the first quarter.
 - 0 instances of contraband obtained from an outside contact on the premises or carried in by an outside visitor.
 - 0 complaint about the variance.
- Variance is for the Crisis Stabilization Program (The Pathways Center)
- Visitation was suspended due to COVID-19
- Social distancing regulations are being implemented
- Newport News Behavioral Health Center
 - Mr. Brian Kates presented the quarterly variance update:
 - Restrictions on Freedoms of Everyday Life
 - No complaints or grievances.
 - Average level for the building was 3 of 5
 - Telephone/Visitation
 - No complaints
 - June 5th visitation resumed; prior to June 5th visitation was held via Zoom.
- James Barry Robinson Center
 - Ms. Shantel Taylor presented the quarterly variance update:
 - Approval of variance was granted by the SHRC in October 2017 for 3 years.
 - Telephone and visitation restrictions
 - Program provides for children starting at age 6.
 - At the time of admission, an approved list of contacts is created with the input from the client, clinician and the AR or legal guardian.
 - 0 Complaints of the variance.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Ms. LaVerne Brooks and seconded by Ms. Maria Fuentes-Sherman at 9:27 a.m. that the Williamsburg Regional LHRC will go into closed session pursuant to VA code 2.2-3711 (A), for the purpose of

protecting the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business, namely for the purpose of, hearing from Virginia Beach CSB and Wall Residences regarding Restrictive Treatment Plans.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The committee reconvene in open session at 9:42 a.m. by unanimous vote on a motion by Ms. Brooks and seconded by Ms. Fuentes-Sherman. Each member certified that, to the best of each of their knowledge, only private business matters, lawfully exempted from the 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 purposes of hearing from Virginia Beach CSB and Wall Residences regarding Restrictive Treatment Plans.

Recommendation: Motion made by Ms. Brooks, seconded by Ms. Fuentes-Sherman and unanimously approved by the committee members as follows:

- Virginia Beach CSB quarterly updates on Restrictive Treatment Plan of client 1.
- Wall Residences quarterly updates on Restrictive Treatment Plan of client 1.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, July 8, 2020, 9:00 AM - Adobe Connect

MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion made to ADJOURN the meeting by Ms. Brooks, seconded by Ms. Fuentes-Sherman at 9:53 AM with the unanimous approval of the committee members.