

Virginia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services- DBHDS

Southeast Alliance Local Human Rights Committee-LHRC

Adobe Connect  
06/23/2019 at 3:00 PM

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Sebrina Edwards – Member  
Stephanie Nesbitt – Member  
Charles Ponquinette – Member

**Members Absent**

Candi Rhodes – Chairperson  
Precious Ethridge – Vice-chairperson

**OFFICE OF HUMAN RIGHTS**

Reginald Daye – Regional Advocate, DBHDS-Region 5  
Michael R. Gause – Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS-Region 5  
Latoya Wilborne – Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS-Region 5  
April Delandro – Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS-Region 5  
Lakel Gurley-Upshaw – Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS-Region 5

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Karen Matthews – Hampton-Newport News CSB, Compliance and Standards Manager  
Dr. Melanie Bond – Hampton-Newport News CSB, Director of Quality Management  
Tiffany Stradford – Proposed Next Friend

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Sebrina Edwards called meeting to order at 3:08 p.m. Those in attendance made introductions to include their name and title.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The June 23, 2020 agenda was motioned to be accepted by Dr. Ponquinette, seconded by Ms. Nesbitt, and unanimously approved by the committee members.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The approval of the January 21, 2020 minutes was motioned to be accepted by Dr. Ponquinette, seconded by Ms. Nesbitt, and unanimously approved by the committee members.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

## **CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

## **ADVOCATE REPORT/REGIONAL ADVOCATE ANNOUNCEMENT:**

Mr. Daye provided the Regional report:

- 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

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **CLOSED SESSION**

**Motion was made by Dr. Ponquinette and seconded by Ms. Nesbitt at 3:28 p.m. that the Southeast Alliance 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, reviewing a next friend request involving an individual of Hampton-Newport News CSB.**

## **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

**The committee reconvened in open session at 3:42 p.m. by unanimous vote on a motion by Dr. Ponquinette and seconded by Ms. Nesbitt. 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 , reviewing a next friend request involving an individual of Hampton-Newport News CSB.**

**Recommendation: Motion made by Dr. Ponquinette, seconded by Ms. Nesbitt and unanimously approved by the committee members as follows:**

- This Next Friend appointment is only effective for services provided by Hampton-Newport News CSB.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** July 21, 2020 – Adobe Connect, 3:00 p.m.

## **MEETING ADJOURNED**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Dr. Ponquinette, seconded by Ms. Edwards, with the unanimous approval of the committee members at 3:50 p.m.