

STAUNTON AREA LHRC

Approved Minutes

July 3, 2025

10:30 AM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Abby Shirkey - Chairperson

Kim Nine – Member

Members Absent

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Riley Curran - Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS OHR

Mykala Sauls – Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS OHR

Melissa Thornton, MBA – UVA Health University Medical Center

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Abby Shirkey at 10:35 AM.

ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE

Those in attendance made introductions.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The amended agenda was submitted and a motion to approve was made by Abby Shirkey seconded by Kim Nine.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were motioned to be approved by Abby Shirkey seconded by Kim Nine.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were given.

ADVOCATE REPORT AND TRAINING

Riley Curran provided the advocate report to include facility data regarding quarterly ANE and Complaint Statistics, summary of current Variances, local updates, and upcoming events.

INTERVIEW OF POTENTIAL NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER

The committee interviewed Melissa Thornton as a potential healthcare provider member.

LHRC ANNUAL TRAINING

LHRC members participated in annual training on the Hearing and Appeal Process and an Overview of the Human Rights Regulations.

CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion made by Abby Shirkey and seconded by Kim Nine 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 treatment plans.

NEW BUSINESS (Closed Session)

- WSH Variance Quarterly Report
- A.G. request for extension to file a petition
- Q.G. request for extension to file a petition

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Upon reconvening in open session, each member certified that, to the best of each member's 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.

- Abby Shirkey motioned that the timeframe extension request be granted for A.G. due to delay in receiving records required to file petition. Seconded by Kim Nine. Unanimously approved by all members present.
- Abby Shirkey motioned that the timeframe extension request be granted until July 18th for Q.G. If the petition is not completed at that time, there will not be another extension. Seconded by Kim Nine. Unanimously approved by all members present.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned by Abby Shirkey at 11:26AM. The next meeting date is August 7, 2025, at 10:30 AM located at Western State Hospital.

