

Northwestern Area LHRC
209 W Criser Road, #300, Front Royal, Virginia, Virginia
February 14, 2018 at 10:00am
Approved Minutes

LIST MEMBERS PRESENT: Audrey Brown – Chair; Niki Pangle; Denise Bard; Katie Anderson

LIST MEMBERS ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Brown called meeting to order at 10:07am. Welcome committee members.

MINUTES

November 1, 2017 minutes were motioned to be approved by Ms. Pangle and seconded by Ms. Anderson. The committee approved the minutes by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADVOCATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- DBDHS, Office of Human Rights, will provide training to agency directors or their designees in a train the trainer format specific to the revised regulations which went into effect in February, 2017. This training is designed so that the individual from each agency who is in attendance can return to his/her agency and provide required annual training and competency testing to agency personnel. Regions 1 & 2 will be providing 5 regional train the trainer opportunities beginning at the end of March, 2018. This training is NOT mandatory, and is only an **optional resource** for providers to use to assist in training their staff to provide annual training to their personnel.

When and where are the other trainings?

March 28, 2018 - Good Life Corporation, New Market, VA
Registration Cap: 100 participants (open to Regions 1 and 2)

April 3, 2018 - Mary Washington Hospital, Fredericksburg, VA
Registration Cap: 50 participants (open to Regions 1 and 2)

April 10, 2018 - Region Ten CSB, Charlottesville, VA
Registration Cap: 75 participants (Open to Region 1 only)

April 17, 2018 - Fairfax Gov't Center Complex, Fairfax, VA
Registration Cap: 60 participants (Open to Region 2 only)

April 27, 2018 - Links to Life, Lynchburg, VA
Registration Cap: 50 participants (Open to Region 1 only)

- Beverly Garnes longtime Regional Advocate assigned to Region IV retired from state service effective January 1, 2018. At this time, Jennifer Kovack is acting as the interim regional advocate in Region IV.

- Provider reminder regarding the annual report of seclusion/restraint. This report is not to be confused with the annual report previously provided to the LHRC (which is no longer required). According to the Human Rights regulation 12VAC35-115-230.C.2 Provider Requirements for Reporting - This regulation requires providers to submit to DBHDS an annual seclusion/restraint report by January 15 on an annual basis or more frequently if requested by the department. There have been no changes to this process. If you are required to complete this form and have not yet done so, please send immediately to Mary Clair O'Hara at the contact information found on the form.
- The Office of Human Rights is currently seeking to hire a Regional Advocate assigned to Region II. Interviews for the position are in process.
- Annual report for the Office of Human Rights was completed. The report revealed that Regions I and II completed 7 LHRC hearings and 7 appeals to the SHRC. In 2/7 hearings, the LHRC found no violations. A summary of violations for the remaining 5 hearings include:
Dignity – 5 violations
Services – 8 violations
Neglect – 1 violation
HR Complaint Process – 1
Decision Making/Consent – 3
Additionally, advocates completed 193 provider visits, 4 DelMarva visits, and 91 provider look behinds.
Advocates also provided 12 CHRIS trainings, 17 LHRC trainings, 5 new provider trainings, and 14 general provider trainings.
- LHRC Training on sections 100, 105, and 110 of the regulations.

AGENDA ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS:

- Shen-Paco – New location: 9965 Massanutten Lane, New Market, VA. The home is a four bedroom group home for adults with ID.
- Timber Ridge – New language used for Behavioral Support System
- NWCSB – Discussion on Behavioral Treatment Plans. Advocate referred worker to section 105 of the regulations.
- Loudoun MHSADS – Ambleside home is reopened after a water pipe burst in early January. This is a Mental Health Supervised Living location.
- North Spring – 9 Behavioral Treatment Plans – Closed session
- CLOSED SESSION - Upon a motion made by Ms. Pangle and seconded by Ms. Anderson, 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 medical record / treatment plans. The continued use of restrictive behavioral plans were reviewed and recommendations were made for the provider to consider the inclusion of the use blocking pads and body blocking to ensure for safety when a resident is attempting self-injurious behaviors.
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. Motioned by Ms. Pangle and seconded by Ms. Anderson.

NEXT MEETING – May 2, 2018 at 10:00am at 209 W Criser Rd, Front Royal, Virginia,

MEETING ADJOURNED – Motion made to adjourn by Ms. Pangle seconded by Ms. Anderson.

Meeting adjourned at 11:53am.

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