

## **CHARLOTTESVILLE AREA LHRC**

Approved Minutes

October 10, 2024

10:30 am

500 Old Lynchburg Road, Charlottesville, VA 22903

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jeffrey Jones- Committee Vice Chairperson

Larry Ragland-Committee Member

Sarah Anderson-Committee Member

Tricia Suszynski-Committee Member

Candy Keith-Committee Member

### **Members Absent**

Mary Sue Kivlighan– Committee Chairperson

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Cassie Purtlebaugh- Regional Manager, DBHDS Region 1

Artea Ambrose – Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS Region 1

Lequetta Hayes-Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS Region 1

Madison Miller, Human Rights Facility Advocate

Kelly Baldwin, Horizon Behavioral Health

De'Landra Burford, Wall Residences

Wendy Belton-Brown, Wall Residences

Samantha McNeely, Wall Residences

Dr. Suada Merhushi, Northern Virginia Mental Health Institute

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Jeffrey Jones called meeting to order at 10.33 am.

### **ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE**

Those in attendance made introductions. Co-Chair welcomed attendees.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to approve agenda was made by Tricia Suszynski and seconded by Sarah Anderson.

Motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

July 11, 2024, minutes were not accepted as the advocate sent the wrong minutes to the committee. The correct minutes will be sent for the January meeting for approval.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

## **CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

## **Q1 Advocate Comments (FY2025)**

| ANE Complaints CSB/Providers           |  |
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| Q4 (FY2024)<br>April 1 – June 30, 2024 | Q1 (FY2025)<br>July 1 – September 30, 2024 |
| 242                                    | 246  |
| Substantiated = 76/242 = 31%           | Substantiated = 72/246 = 29%               |
| Non-ANE Complaints CSB/Providers       |  |
| Q4 (FY2024)<br>April 1 – June 30, 2024 | Q1 (FY2025)<br>July 1 – September 30, 2024 |
| 22                                     | 40   |
| Substantiated = 3/22 = 14%             | Substantiated = 7/40 = 18%                 |

## **Variances**

There are currently no variances for community-based providers in Region 1.

## **Updates**

**Check out our recruitment efforts for LHRCs and SHRCs here:**

LHRC and SHRC Recruitment Information 9.27.18

- To apply for the **LHRC**, please complete the application here: [LHRC Appointment Application 4.9.24](#)
- To apply for the **SHRC**, please complete the application here: [SHRC Appointment Application 4.9.24](#)

## **NEW Opportunity for Public Comment on Proposed DRAFT Noncontroversial Streamlining, Clarifying, and Regulatory Reduction Amendments**

In accordance with the directive in the Governor's Executive Directive 1 to remove "regulations not mandated by federal or state statute, in consultation with the Office of the Attorney General, and in a manner consistent with the laws of the Commonwealth," the DBHDS Office of Human Rights reviewed the human rights regulations to identify noncontroversial amendments and developed a draft for consideration as fast track actions. There is a public comment forum for 30 days on this draft:

- [DRAFT Noncontroversial Regulatory Reductions to Chapter 115](#)
- [Public Comment Forum](#)

## **Upcoming Events**

There are still training opportunities available for Community-Based Providers on our 2024 training schedule. Check out the remaining 2024 trainings, and register today:

[Office-of-Human-Rights-Quarterly-Training-CY2024\\_Final.rev5\\_.22.24.pdf \(virginia.gov\)](#)

## **Upcoming 2024 SHRC Meetings**

The full SHRC meeting schedule can be found here: [2024-SHRC-Meeting-Schedule.docx \(live.com\)](#)

## **Charlottesville Area Local Human Rights Meetings for 2025**

January 9, April 10, July 10, and October 9.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Horizon Behavioral Health
- Wall Residences
- Northern Virginia Mental Health Institute
- Request for the Extension of Time Period for Petition for LHRC Hearing

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Upon a motion made by Jeffrey Jones and seconded by Tricia Suszynski, 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 not related to public business.

## **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.

- Horizon- next friend. Sarah Anderson made a motion to approve, and Tricia Suszynski seconded the motion, to implement the next friend with no recommendations. Unanimously approved by all members present.
- Wall Residences- Child-locks on the rear doors of vehicle. Candy Keith made a motion to approve, and Larry Ragland seconded the motion, to implement with no recommendations. Unanimously approved by all members present.
- Wall Residences- Child-locks on the rear doors of vehicle and the individual will be seated in the back seat of the vehicle. Larry Ragland made a motion to approve, and

Candy Keith seconded the motion, to implement with no recommendations.  
Unanimously approved by all members present.

- Time period for a petition for LHRC hearing was not extended. The LHRC determined that the reasons provided for the extension request was not good cause. Larry Ragland made a motion to not extend the time period, and Tricia Suszynski seconded the motion. Unanimously approved by all members present.

### **MEETING ADJOURNED**

The next meeting will be held on January 9, 2025, at 10:30am. The meeting location will be Region Ten CSB with a virtual option for participants via TEAMS.

Hearing no other business, Jeffrey Jones adjourned the meeting at 11.59 am