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### State Human Rights Committee Meeting

#### *Minutes*

**Wednesday, September 6, 2023**

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Richmond, VA 23219

Zoom for Government

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#### Convene

12:45 p.m.

<b>SHRC Members Present Physically</b>	David Boehm, <b>Chair</b> ; Monica Lucas, <b>Vice Chair</b> ; David Crews, Betty Crance, John Shepherd, Timothy Russell, Julie C. Allen, Will Childers
<b>SHRC Members Present Virtually</b>	
<b>SHRC Members Absent</b>	Renee Valdez
<b>Staff Present Physically</b>	Taneika Goldman, State Human Rights Director Delisa Turner, Executive Administrative Assistant Karen A. Taylor, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Counsel to the SHRC Andrea Milhouse, Region 4 Advocate Manager
<b>Staff Attending Virtually</b>	Brandon Charles, Facility Operations Manager Riley Curran, Human Rights Advocate

<b>Others Attending in Person</b>	Elisabeth Henderson, AR for Individual
<b>Others Attending Virtually</b>	Nora T Ciano, Esq Jaime Lovelace, Director of Nursing Katerina Stepanova, MD Dr. Jonathan Anderson - Facility Director Gail Burford-Director of Quality Management/Director's Liaison to the LHRC Patrick Robertson-Director of Risk Management Hannah Cannon-Patient Relations Coordinator Mary Kate Law- 1PINE Unit Clinical Psychologist Melissa Sargeant-Infection Preventionist
<b>Call to Order</b>	At 2:10, David Boehm, SHRC Chair, called the September 6, 2023, SHRC meeting to order after some difficulty with technology. He welcomed all to the meeting. A call for introductions was placed.
<b>Appeal: Central Region LHRC – EH vs. VCUHSA</b>	<p>At 2:13, the SHRC facilitated the appeal of the Central Region LHRC – EH vs. Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Authority (VCUHSA). Nora T. Ciano presented virtually on behalf of VCUHSA. Elisabeth Henderson, Petitioner, was in person and presented on behalf of the individual.</p> <p>At the request of the Petitioner, the appeal was heard in closed session. At 2:13, Monica motioned closed session. David Crews 2<sup>nd</sup> Upon a motion by Monica Lucas, the SHRC convened in closed session pursuant to VA CODE § 2.2-3711 (A) (4) (8) and (16), for the protection of the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business, discussion of their medical records, and for consultation with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel.</p> <p>At 3:04, upon a motion by Monica Lucas and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Betty Crance, the SHRC returned to open session. Upon reconvening in open session each member certified that, to the best of their knowledge, only matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and only such matters related to the stated reason for going into closed session were heard, discussed, or considered.</p> <p>The SHRC's written response in the matter of EH vs. VCUHSA will be issued to all parties within 20 working days.</p>
<b>BREAK</b>	At 3:05, David Boehm called for a brief break.
<b>Appeal: Staunton LHRC – AS vs. WSH</b>	<p>At 3:10, the SHRC reviewed the appeal of the Staunton LHRC – AS vs. Western State Hospital (WSH). A call for introductions took place by David Boehm prior to proceeding. At the request of the Petitioner, the appeal was heard in open session.</p> <p>Riley Curran, Human Rights Advocate, presented on behalf of AS, virtually. Dr. Jonathan Anderson, Facility Director and Mary Kate Law- 1PINE Unit Clinical Psychologist presented on behalf of WSH,</p>

virtually. Statements were heard from both parties and the SHRC asked several clarifying questions.

At 3:34, Monica motioned closed session. Julie C. Allen 2<sup>nd</sup> Upon a motion by Monica Lucas, the SHRC convened in closed session pursuant to VA CODE § 2.2-3711 (A) (4) (8) and (16), for the protection of the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business, discussion of their medical records, and for consultation with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel.

At 5:24, upon a motion by Monica Lucas and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Julie C. Allen, the SHRC returned to open session. Upon reconvening in open session each member certified that, to the best of their knowledge, only matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and only such matters related to the stated reason for going into closed session were heard, discussed, or considered.

The SHRC's written response in the matter of AS vs. WSH will be issued to all parties within 20 working days.

**Other**

At 5:40, David Boehm stated the SHRC members will meet again September 28, 2023.

**Adjournment**

At 5:41, the September 6, 2023, SHRC Meeting was adjourned.

**Next Meeting**

September 28, 2023

Northern VA Mental Health Institute