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State Human Rights Committee Meeting

VIRTUAL MEETING

Minutes

Thursday, March 2, 2023

DBHDS

Western State Hospital
103 Valley Center Drive
Staff Development
Conference Room A-1094
Staunton, Virginia
24401

Zoom for Government

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Convene

9:00 a.m.

SHRC Members Present Physically	Will Childers, SHRC Chair Pro Tempore; Betty Crance; David Crews, Monica Lucas, Timothy Russell
SHRC Members Excused	Julie C. Allen, Chair ; David Boehm, Vice-Chair
Staff Present Physically	Taneika Goldman, State Human Rights Director Mary Clair O'Hara, Associate Director for Facility Operations Riley Curran, Human Rights Advocate Kli Kinzie, Executive Secretary
Staff Attending Virtually	Karen A. Taylor, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Counsel to the SHRC Jennifer Kovack, Associate Director for Community Operations Brandon Charles, Facility Advocate Manager Cassie Purtlebaugh, Regional Advocate Manager Ann Pascoe, Regional Advocate Manager
Other DBHDS Staff Present Physically	Dr. Jonathan Anderson, Facility Director, Western State Hospital Jim Stevens, Interim Director, Commonwealth Center for Children and Adolescents Dr. Jason Stout, Director of Psychology, Western State Hospital

Others Attending in Person	<p>Ingrid Barber, Executive Director, Alleghany Highlands CSB</p> <p>Lynn Brackenridge, Quality Assurance, Alleghany Highlands CSB</p> <p>Lisa Beitz, Executive Director, Region Ten CSB</p> <p>Rachel Kozella, Quality Assurance, Region Ten CSB</p> <p>Dr. Kim McClanahan, Executive Director, Valley CSB</p> <p>Dana Fitzgerald, Quality Assurance, Valley CSB</p> <p>Don Sherman, Quality Assurance, Rockbridge Area CSB</p>
Others Attending Virtually	<p>Stephanie Terrell, Director of Compliance and Human Rights, Rappahannock Area CSB</p> <p>Kathleen Keller, Quality Assurance, Rappahannock Area CSB</p> <p>Greg Gutmeir, Acting Director, Northwestern CSB</p> <p>Alex Waddell, Quality Assurance, Northwestern CSB</p> <p>Stephanie Fletcher, Quality Assurance, Northwestern CSB</p> <p>Rebekah Brubaker, Executive Director, Harrisonburg Rockingham CSB</p> <p>Chris Burch, CQI, Horizon BHA</p> <p>Robinlyn Vandevander, Client Rights and Privacy Officer, Horizon BHA</p> <p>Dominique Watson, Office of the State Inspector General</p> <p>Ekirch Sheldon, dLCV</p>
Call to Order	At 9:03, Will Childers, Chair Pro Tempore, called the March 2, 2023, SHRC meeting to order and welcomed all to the meeting. A call for introductions took place prior to proceeding.
Approval of Agenda	<p>At 9:05, the committee considered the agenda.</p> <p><i>At 9:05, a motion was made by Betty Crance and seconded by Timothy Russell to approve the March 2, 2023, agenda. All members voted to pass the motion.</i></p>
Review of Draft Minutes	<p>At 9:05, the SHRC reviewed the draft minutes of the January 19, 2023, meeting.</p> <p><i>At 9:05, a motion was made by Timothy Russell and seconded by Monica Lucas. All members voted to pass the motion.</i></p>
Introductions	At 9:06, Will Childers called for introductions of the Committee.
Information	At 9:08, Taneika Goldman, State Human Rights Director, thanked David Crews for participating in the first revised live quarterly LHRC training and orientation for newly appointed members. David Crews commented that the event was organized and well done. Taneika Goldman asked for a volunteer committee member to attend the April 27 LHRC orientation to talk about the role of the SHRC. Betty Crance volunteered.
Welcome and Overview	At 9:10, Jim Stevens, Interim Facility Director, presented a PowerPoint slideshow on Commonwealth Center for Children and Adolescents. <i>(See addendum 1).</i>
Public Comment	<p>At 9:38, Will Childers called for public comments.</p> <p><i>No public comments were offered.</i></p>

Seclusion and Restraint Reduction	At 9:39, Dr. Jonathan Anderson, Facility Director, Western State Hospital, presented a PowerPoint slideshow on the reduction of seclusion and restraint at Western State Hospital. <i>(See addendum 2).</i>
Western State Hospital ND Variance Update	At 10:20, Dr. Jason Stout, Director of Psychology, updated the committee on the use of the Variance for ND.
Presentation: Right Help. Right Now.	At 10:40, Dr. Alexis Aplasca, Chief Clinical Officer, DBHDS (detailed to the Office of the HHR Secretary), presented a PowerPoint presentation on the "Right Help. Right Now." initiative. The program explores interventions that will potentially prevent crisis. <i>(See addendum 3).</i>
CSB Roundtable	At 11:18, Taneika Goldman thanked CSB staff from region 1 for participating in the inaugural CSB Regional Roundtable. A call for introductions took place. CSB staff talked about programs and services provided by their CSBs as well as one initiative they were proud of and a challenge they felt the SHRC may be able to address.
BREAK	At 12:29, Will Childers called for a brief break.
Annual Variance Update: Youth for Tomorrow	At 12:36, Ann Pascoe, Regional Advocate Manager, Region 2, presented the routine annual variance update for Youth for Tomorrow. The variance allows for an approved phone call list and an approved visitor list for teens in crisis.
Facility Operations	At 12:39, the committee received updates on OHR Facility Operations.
WSH and CCCA Reports	At 12:40, Riley Curran, Human Rights advocate, presented her reports on Western State Hospital and Commonwealth Center for Children and Adolescents. <i>(See addendum 4).</i>
S/R & Death	At 12:48, Mary Clair O'Hara, Associate Director for Facility Operations, presented seclusion, restraint, and death data. <i>(See addendum 5).</i>
Violation Letters	At 1:10, Brandon Charles, Facility Advocate Manager, presented the summary of violation letters. <i>(See addendum 6).</i>
VCBR Report	At 1:12, Brandon Charles presented the advocate's report on human rights complaints and seclusion and restraint for Virginia Center for Behavioral Rehabilitation. <i>(See addendum 7).</i>
WSH Tour Debrief	At 1:21, Committee members shared their thoughts and impressions of the tour of Western State Hospital on the afternoon of March 1, 2023. At 1:25 Taneika Goldman talked with the committee about touring Catawba Hospital the afternoon before the next SHRC meeting,
LHRC Business	At 1:27, the SHRC considered LHRC business.
LHRC Liaison Reports	At 1:27, Will Childers said that Riley Curran, Human Rights Advocate, invited him to join an LHRC meeting.

**LHRC
Membership**

At 1:27, the SHRC considered LHRC membership.

At 1:28, upon a motion by Monica Lucas and seconded by Betty Crance the SHRC made the following appointments:

Region 1

Charlottesville Area LHRC

Appoint: Larry Ragland

Region 2

Prince William County LHRC

Appoint: Lana Hurt

Northern Virginia Regional LHRC

Appoint: Marcy Bennett

Region 4

Metropolitan LHRC

Appoint: Sharae Henderson and Mark Smallacombe

Subcommittees

At 1:34, Will Childers called for subcommittee reports.

**Bylaws
Subcommittee**

Monica Lucas, Chair; Jennifer Kovack, Staff

At 1:34, Taneika Goldman reported that she met with the human rights managers to discuss the Bylaws template that was approved earlier this year. She will work with the SHRC Chair to finalize a letter to LHRCs about a process to submit amendments.

**Policy
Subcommittee**

David Boehm; Betty Crance; Mary Clair O'Hara, Staff

At 1:35, Taneika Goldman reported that the policy approved by the committee earlier this year has been reviewed by the managers, and LHRCs are receiving training now.

**Workplan
Subcommittee**

David Crews

At 1:35, David Crews asked for clarification about the role of this subcommittee and then asked the committee to send him recommendations for guest speakers and topics for upcoming SHRC meetings.

**Membership
Subcommittee**

Will Childers and David Crews

At 1:36, Taneika Goldman reported that there are two potential candidates for SHRC membership.

**Officer
Subcommittee**

Timothy Russell

At 1:38, Timothy Russell reported on behalf of the Office Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee recommended David Boehm serve as SHRC Chair for the upcoming term. Timothy Russell is willing to serve as Vice-Chair. At the April 13, 2023, SHRC meeting, the Sub-Committee will present a slate of officers.

Other

At 1:41, David Crews thanked Will Childers for presiding over the meeting in the absence of the SHRC Chair and Vice-Chair.

Taneika Goldman asked if the committee wants to continue the Regional CSB Roundtable. The decision to invite local CSBs to the next SHRC meeting will be based on the size of the agenda.

Monica Lucas asked about hosting a symposium on human rights. Taneika Goldman said that Julie Allen, SHRC Chair, may want to form a sub-committee to plan a symposium. Monica Lucas volunteered to research a location for the symposium.

Adjournment

At 1:51, the March 2, 2023, SHRC meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting

April 13, 2023

Catawba Hospital

5525 Catawba Hospital Drive

Catawba, Virginia

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