

Southeastern Virginia Training Center
Local Human Rights Committee
2100 Steppingstone Square
Chesapeake, VA 23320
12/19/2018 at 9:00 AM

MEMBERS PRESENT-

Rick Dinsmore, Chair
Melvinia Herbert, Vice Chair
Marilyn Nendza
Matthew Albright
Sandy Montez- Gerhardt

MEMBERS ABSENT-

None

OFFICE OF HUMAN RIGHTS-

Reginald Daye- Human Rights Regional Advocate, DBHDS- Region 5
Courtney Myles- LHRC Support Liaison, DBHDS- Region 5

OTHERS PRESENT-

Holiday House of Portsmouth- Melanie Draughn- Social Worker
Virginia Beach Psychiatric Center- Demetrius Skipwith- Patient Advocate/ Milieu Specialist
Virginia Beach Psychiatric Center- Phillip Riddick- Director of Clinical Services
T. Michele Humphries- Wall Residences Regional Coordinator of Middle Peninsula, Northern Neck, & Hampton Roads

CALL TO ORDER-

Mr. Rick Dinsmore called meeting to order at 9:15 AM. Those in attendance made introductions to include their name and title.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-

The December 19, 2018 agenda was motioned to be accepted by Ms. Marilyn Nendza, seconded by Ms. Melvinia Herbert and unanimously approved by committee members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-

Mr. Matthew Albright made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2018 meeting. Ms. Herbert seconded the motion. Committee members then unanimously approved the minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

Chairperson Announcements-

None

Regional Advocate/ Human Rights Advocate Update:

- Presently SEVTC-LHRC has a full committee
- We are looking to add more alternates to add to the LHRC membership.
- The OHR has made two offers to fill the two vacancies for HR Advocates in region 5. The advocates will start January 10, 2019. One of the new advocates will be assigned to this LHRC.
- Statewide training is being conducted regarding regulatory changes to restrictive programs. This region conducted its training on 12/5/18. The Fast Track regulatory process was used to expedite the regulated.
- Review of the purpose of variances and quarterly and annual variance updates.

New Business:

Virginia Beach Psychiatric

- Handbook Program rule addition- Increase patient participation in groups
 - Secure bedroom doors to encourage patients to participate in group activities.
 - Only patient doors will be locked
 - Group activities are offered in a common area where restrooms are available.
 - Staff will check to make sure patients are in the common area prior to bedroom doors being locked.
 - 15-minute checks will remain in place to ensure patients are accounted for.

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- There is a patient lounge outside of group rooms for those patients who choose not to participate in groups to ensure they have the option to be out of their rooms.
- Patients are not required to attend groups but are strongly encouraged.

Recommendation: Motion made by Mr. Albright, seconded by Ms. Sandy Montez- Gerhardt and approved by the committee members by unanimous vote as follows:

- Checkrooms before doors are locked to ensure there are no patients locked in their rooms.

Review of Suggested LHRC 2019 meeting dates

- January 16, 2019
- April 17, 2019
- July 17, 2019
- October 16, 2019

OLD BUSINESS

Variances Update

- Holiday House of Portsmouth
 - Visitation Variance
 - Active upon admission
 - No complaints or violations for last quarter

CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Ms. Montez-Gerhardt, seconded by Ms. Herbert and unanimously approved by the committee members at 9:49 AM that the SEVTC LHRC will go into closed session pursuant to VA Code 2.2-3711(A), for the purposes of protecting the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business, namely for the purpose of Holiday House of Portsmouth visitation incident and reviewing a restrictive plan involving an individual of Wall Residence, Inc.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The committee reconvened in open session at 10:10 AM by unanimous vote on a motion by Ms. Montez-Gerhardt, seconded by Ms. Herbert.

Each member certified that, to the best of each their 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, namely for the purpose of Holiday House of Portsmouth visitation incident and reviewing a restrictive plan involving an individual of Wall Residence, Inc.

Recommendation: Motion made by Mr. Albright, seconded by Ms. Sandy Montez- Gerhardt and approved by the committee members by 4-1 vote with the recommendation as follows:

- Approve the restrictive plan for “L” (find that there is not violation of the applicable section of the human rights regulations) submitted by Wall Residence, Inc. with quarterly updates on the effectiveness of the restrictive plan put in place for the individual.

TRAINING

Mr. Reginald Daye conducted the 2018 FOIA Training for the members of the SEVTC-LHRC.

NEXT MEETING- January 16, 2019, 9:00 AM at the Southeastern Virginia Training Center- 2100 Steppingstone Square; Chesapeake, VA 23320

MEETING ADJOURNED-

Motion made to ADJOURN the meeting by Mr. Dinsmore, seconded by Ms. Montez-Gerhardt at 10:42 AM with the unanimous approval of the committee members.