

Southeast Alliance Local Human Rights Committee

Hampton-Newport News CSB
300 Medical Drive, Hampton, VA 23666
10/22/19

MEMBERS PRESENT

Stephanie Nesbitt – Member
Charles Ponquinette – Member
Sebrina Edwards – Member

Members Absent

Candi Rhodes – Chairperson
Precious Ethridge – Vice-chairperson

OTHERS PRESENT

Reginald Daye – Regional Advocate, DBHDS-Region 5
Carlton J. Henderson – Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS-Region 5
Michael R. Gause – Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS-Region 5
Carlos Camacho – NNBHC
Sara Williams – NNBHC
Kenneth Manning – NNBHC

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Nesbitt called meeting to order at 2:59 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The October 22, 2019 agenda was motioned to be accepted by Dr. Ponquinette, seconded by Ms. Edwards, and unanimously approved by the committee members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Nesbitt called for review and approval of the Minutes from the previous meeting. The approval of the September 5, 2019 minutes was motioned to be accepted by Dr. Ponquinette, seconded by Ms. Edwards, and unanimously approved by the committee members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADVOCATE REPORT/REGIONAL ADVOCATE ANNOUNCEMENT:

Mr. Daye provided the Regional report:

- Introduced Michael Gause as the newest Region 5 Human Rights Advocate
- Discussed Carlton Henderson's transfer to Region 2, along with the hire of another Advocate
- Explained variance renewal process to NNBHC
 - reviewed the process for changes, review, and board approval

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS

NNBHC presented the resubmission of their special precautions policy and provided an update on their approved variances:

- Special Precautions Policy
 - Questions were raised by the committee and OHR concerning the restrictive nature of the special precautions, specifically the use of paper scrubs given the 1-to-1 assignment when a resident is on special precautions.
 - Questions were raised about the rights of roommates when their peer is on special precautions.
 - Due to questions concerning the policy's compliance with OHR's Regulations (Dignity, Restrictions), the LHRC deferred voting on implementation of the policy until it was revised and submitted back to the Region 5 OHR.
- Variance Update
 - The NNBHC representatives presented updates on the level system, only.
 - Expectations for quarterly variance updates were reiterated.

The LHRC reviewed and discussed the 2020 schedule.

- The proposed dates were January 21, April 21, July 21, and October 20.
- The 2020 schedule was motioned to be approved, pending confirmation of availability by the Hampton-Newport News CSB, by Sebrina Edwards, seconded by Dr. Ponquinette, and unanimously approved by the committee members.

ADVOCATE TRAINING

Carlton Henderson provided training on the role of the LHRC related to human rights regulations 12VAC35-115-145 and 12VAC35-115-200.

MEETING ADJOURNED

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Dr. Ponquinette, seconded by Ms. Edwards, with the unanimous approval of the committee members at 4:39 p.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE: January 21, 2020, pending confirmation from Hampton-Newport News CSB (H-NNCSB, 300 Medical Drive, Hampton, VA).