

Western State Hospital LHRC
103 Valley Center Drive, Staunton, Virginia
July 27, 2020 at 9:30am
Approved Minutes

LIST MEMBERS PRESENT: David Paulk and Teresa Bouthillier

LIST MEMBERS ABSENT:

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Bouthillier called meeting to order at 9:37am. Welcome committee members.

MINUTES

December 2019, January 2020, February 2020, and June 2020 minutes were postponed for approval until a quorum of members can be present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Rhonda Phissen from dLCV is concerned that hearings are not occurring in Region 1 during COVID-19 precautions. The concern is voiced for individuals who are not able to resolve their complaints in a timely manner.

ADVOCATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Region 1 has several hearings pending, including a few involving this LHRC. Due to COVID-19 precautions, at this time, these hearings are being delayed until we can meet in-person.
- DBHDS has developed guidance specific to COVID-19 and a COVID- Q&A which is available on the DBHDS website. Guidance is updated frequently and will continue to be updated as it is received.
- Sherry Zehr completed her term serving on this committee on June 30, 2020. We express our gratitude for her service.

AGENDA ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS:

- New Member Recruitment – The WSH LHRC is seeking new members to serve on this committee. If you know of someone who may be interested, please send them our way.
- CLOSED SESSION - Upon a motion made by Ms. Bouthillier and seconded by Mr. Paulk, 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 of medical record / treatment plans.
RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - Upon reconvening in open session, all members of the Local Human Rights Committee certified that to the best of each ones' knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the closed session were discussed in closed session. Certified by all members present.
 - WSH #1 - Behavioral plan for review. No recommendation by the committee. The Advocate signed the LHRC review forms on behalf of the committee.

NEXT MEETING – October 26, 2020 at 9:30am at 103 Valley Center Drive, Staunton, Virginia.

MEETING ADJOURNED – Motion made to adjourn by Ms. Bouthillier seconded by Mr. Paulk.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05am.

These Minutes were transcribed by Artea Ambrose, Human Rights Advocate.