

**SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL  
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE**

Wednesday September 27, 2023

9:00 am

The Barry Robinson Center

443 Kempsville Road, Norfolk, VA 23502

ZOOM link

<https://virginia-gov.zoomgov.com/j/16037202606>

**Meeting ID:** 160 3720 2606

**Passcode:** LHRC-SER1

Advocate Contact: Corie M. Reed (804.454.5064)

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Patricia Albritton- Acting Chair

Norris Shermon- Member

Sandy Montez-Gerhardt-Member

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Dick Roberts- Chair; Absent

Mark Douglass- Co-Chair; Absent

Stacy Johnson- Secretary; Absent

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Corie Reed – Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS Region 5

Miracle Reed Thompson- Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS Region 5

Monica Lucas- State Human Rights Committee Member -via Zoom

Brigitte Sheridan – Rescare-via Zoom

Terry Straton- Rescare-via Zoom

Melanie Joyner- Holiday House; via Zoom

Julie Delk- Barry Robinson Center

**Call to Order**

Mrs. Albritton called the meeting to order at 9:05 am

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mrs. Albritton and seconded by Mrs. Gerhardt

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve August 9, 2023 minutes was made by Mrs. Albritton and second by Mrs. Gerhardt. Motion carried. Review and approve of August 9, 2023

**Public Comments**

None

### **Chairperson Announcements**

None

### **Regional Advocate Report**

Advocate Reed reminded all members to please inform her or the assigned advocate as soon as possible if they are not able to attend any of the planned meetings. Advocate explained that earlier the notice, the easier it is to make appropriate accommodations and changes to avoid make up or cancellations.

State Human Rights Member Monica Lucas introduced self and informed the committee discussed possible trainings and resources that may be available to members that would be beneficial. Mrs. Lucas also thank the members for volunteering their time and being a support to the community.

### **Old Business**

#### **a. Holiday House of Portsmouth**

Ms. Melanie Joyner presented the quarterly variance update:

- ICF children's residential facility for ages 5-21
- Visitation variance is active upon admission
- No complaints or violations

#### **b. James Barry Robinson Institute**

Ms. Julie Delk presented the quarterly variance update:

- Telephone and visitation restrictions
- Program provides for children starting at age 6.
- At the time of admission, an approved list of contacts is created with the input from the client, clinician and the AR or legal guardian.
- No changes made to the variance and was approved for continuance.
- 0 Complaints

### **New Business**

None

### **Closed Session**

**Motion was made by Mrs. Albritton at 9:20pm, seconded by Mr. Sherman and approved for the Southeastern Regional LHRC to go into closed session pursuant to VA code 2.2-3711 (A), for the purpose of discussing confidential information lawfully exempt from public disclosure, to discuss of a Restriction From Everyday Freedoms with the use of restrictive equipment.**

### **Open Session**

The committee reconvene in open session at 9:58 by unanimous vote on a motion by Mrs. Gerhardt and seconded by Mr. Sherman. Each member certified that, to the best of each of their knowledge, only private business matters, lawfully exempted from the 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 purposes of discussing Restriction of Everyday Freedoms with use of restrictive equipment.

Recommendation: Motion by Mrs. Albritton, and second by Mr. Sherman and unanimously approved by the committee members as follows:

Request from the provider additional information and supporting documentations regarding the use of the restrictive equipment, such as behavior support plan, daily schedule, notification from professionals. Request to be reviewed at the next LHRC meeting scheduled for December 13, 2023.

### **Meeting Adjourned:**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at 9:00am. The location will be at The Barry Robinson Center, 443 Kempsville Road, Norfolk, VA 23502. Hearing no business, Mrs. Albritton adjourned the meeting at 10 am.

### **\* Next Meeting:**

**Date – Wednesday, December 13, 2023**

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