

**SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE**

Wednesday December 13, 2023

9:00 am

The James Barry Robinson Institute

443 Kempsville Road, Norfolk, VA 23502

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Advocate Contact: Corie M. Reed (804.454.5064)

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Douglass - Acting Chair;

Patricia Albritton - Acting Co- Chair

Norris Shermon - Member

Sandy Montez-Gerhardt - Member

Stacy Johnson - Secretary

Members Absent:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Corie Reed – Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS Region 5

Miracle Reed Thompson- Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS Region 5 via Teams

Brigitte Sheridan – Rescare-via Phone

Terry Straton- Rescare-via Phone

Melanie Joyner- Holiday House; via Phone

Nancy Holcolm - Barry Robinson Center

Latoya Wilborne – Human Rights Regional Manager, R5

Call to Order:

Mr. Douglass called the meeting to order at 9:20 am

ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE:

Those in attendance make introductions. Chair welcomes attendees.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve September 27, 2023 minutes was made by Mr. Sherman and second by Mrs. Gerhardt. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

None

Chairperson Announcements:

None

Regional Advocate Report:

Advocate Corie Wilborne made the announcements:

- Discussed meeting dates for 2024
- Provided an update regarding staffing changes within OHR. A new Regional Manager was hired for Region 2, Diana Atcha and the office has hired a new Training and Development Coordinator, Mr. Alonzo Riggins.

Old Business:

Holiday House of Portsmouth – Variance Update

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, violations or grievances

The James Barry Robinson Institute – Variance Update

Ms. Nancy Holcolm 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 Complaints, violations or grievances

New Business:

- The LHRC reviewed and discussed the 2024 schedule:
- Wednesday March 20, 2024 at 9:30am
- Wednesday June 26, 2024 at 9:30am
- Wednesday September 18, 2024 at 9:30am
- Wednesday December 18, 2024 at 9:30am

The 2024 schedule was motioned to be approved by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Ms. Johnson and unanimously approved by the committee members.

Closed Session:

Motion was made by Mr. Douglass at 9:34pm, seconded by Mrs. Albritton 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 and interviews of potential LHRC members for the three LHRC committees of Region 5.

Open Session:

Upon reconvening in open session, each member certified that, to the best of each members knowledge, only private business matters, lawfully exempted from statutory open sessions requirements and identified in the motion by which the closed session was convened, were considered in the closed session.

Recommendations:

Motion was made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Mrs. Albritton and unanimously approved by the committee to:

- Declined/Rejected the Restriction from Blue Ridge due to the provider failing to obtain a Fire Marshall Approval of an ALSM Approval. It was also declined due to the Individual being unable to self-rescue in the event of an emergency.
- To recommend the appointment of E.B as Heath Care provider for membership to the Health Planning Region 5 LHRC to the State Human Rights Committee
- To recommend the appointment of S.H. as an Individual for membership of the Southeastern Regional LHRC to the State Human Rights Committee
- To recommend the approvement of C.C. as an Other Professional to the Southeastern Alliance LHRC to the State Human Rights Committee.

Meeting Adjourned:

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20th, 2024 at 9:30. The location will be at The James Barry Robinson Institute - 443 Kempsville Road, Norfolk, VA 23502.

Hearing no business, Mr. Douglass adjourned the meeting at 11:30 am.