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State Human Rights Committee Meeting
VIRTUAL MEETING

Minutes

Thursday, January 19, 2023

DBHDS

Central State Hospital
26317 W. Washington Street
Administration Building (113)
Room 222
Petersburg, Virginia
23803

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Convene

9:00 a.m.

SHRC Members Present Physically Julie C. Allen, **Chair**; David Boehm, **Vice-Chair**; Will Childers; Betty Crance; David Crews, Monica Lucas, Timothy Russell

Staff Present Physically Taneika Goldman, State Human Rights Director
Karen A. Taylor, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Counsel to the SHRC
Jennifer Kovack, Associate Director for Community Operations
Mary Clair O'Hara, Associate Director for Facility Operations
Brandon Charles, Facility Advocate Manager
Carlton Henderson, Training and Development Coordinator
Reginald T. Daye, Regional Advocate Manager
Latoya Wilborne, Acting Regional Advocate Manager
Andrea Milhouse, Regional Advocate Manager
Tony Davis, Human Rights Advocate
Corie Reed, Human Rights Advocate
Amaya Henderson, Human Rights Advocate
Francie Smith, Administrative Assistant for Community Operations
Kli Kinzie, Executive Secretary

Staff Attending Virtually Cassie Purtlebaugh, Regional Advocate Manager
Artea Ambrose, Human Rights Advocate

Other DBHDS Staff Present Physically	<p>Brandi P. Justice, Chief Executive Officer, Central State Hospital</p> <p>Jennifer Barker, Director Patient Relations and Recovery Initiatives, Central State Hospital</p> <p>Amy Handley, Clinical Director, Central State Hospital</p> <p>Kristin Yavorsky, Director, Office of Community Housing</p> <p>Mary Begor, Manager, Office of Crisis Services</p>
Others Attending Virtually	Rashaad Riddick, Patient, Central State Hospital
Call to Order	At 9:00, Julie Allen, SHRC Chair, called the January 19, 2023, SHRC meeting to order and welcomed all to the meeting. A call for introductions took place prior to proceeding.
Approval of Agenda	<p>At 9:03, the committee considered the agenda. The variance request from RI International was removed from the agenda. Per communication from the provider, they had a conflict with the meeting time.</p> <p><i>At 9:03, a motion was made by Timothy Russell and seconded by Betty Crance to approve the January 19, 2023, agenda. Julie Allen, Chair, called for votes in roll call fashion. All members voted to pass the motion.</i></p>
Review of Draft Minutes	<p>At 9:03, the SHRC reviewed the draft minutes of the December 8, 2022, meeting.</p> <p><i>At 9:03, a motion was made by David Boehm, SHRC Vice-Chair, and seconded by David Crews to approve the December 8, 2022, minutes. Julie Allen, SHRC Chair, called for votes in roll call fashion. All members voted to pass the motion.</i></p>
Information	At 9:04, Taneika Goldman, State Human Rights Director, briefed the committee about an upcoming variance request for Western State Hospital, and an emergency variance for the same facility, that was granted in accordance with regulatory requirements in December of 2022.
Welcome and Overview	At 9:06, Dr. Brandi P. Justice, Chief Executive Officer, Central State Hospital, welcomed the Committee and provided an overview of the facility and populations served in the area. Central State Hospital is seeing an historically high census in the maximum-security population. Dr. Justice gave a PowerPoint slideshow on the new treatment facility planned for the campus. <i>(See addendum 1).</i> Construction began in December of 2022.
Public Comment	<p>At 9:43, Julie Allen called for public comments.</p> <p><i>No public comments were offered.</i></p>
DBHDS Housing Services	At 9:43, Kristin Yavorsky, Director, Office of Community Housing gave a PowerPoint presentation on supportive housing. <i>(See addendum 2).</i>
DBHDS Crisis Services Continuum and CSU Model	At 10:20, Mary Begor, Crisis Services Manager, provided an update on the activities of the Office of Crisis Services. <i>(See addendum 3).</i>

CSH Tour Debrief	At 11:00, Julie Allen invited committee members to share their thoughts on a tour of the maximum-security unit at Central State Hospital they took on the previous afternoon. Members shared their thoughts and were enthusiastic about the new treatment facility under construction.
Follow-Up In the Matter of OB v Community Alternatives of Virginia	At 11:20, Artea Ambrose, Human Rights Advocate, provided follow-up on an appeal that came before the SHRC on September 29, 2022. The SHRC had requested an update after the advocate completed a review of the record. The SHRC thanked Ms. Ambrose for her thorough review and detailed reporting.
<i>BREAK</i>	At 11:30, Julie Allen called for a break.
Facility Operations	At 12:10, the committee received updates on facility operations.
S/R & Death	At 12:10, Mary Clair O'Hara, Associate Director for Facility Operations, presented seclusion, restraint, and death data. <i>(See addendum 4).</i>
Violation Letters	At 12:27, Brandon Charles, Facility Advocate Manager, presented a summary of violation letters. <i>(See addendum 5).</i>
CSH, HDMC and VCBR Reports	At 12:29, Tony Davis, Human Rights Advocate, presented reports on human rights complaints and seclusion and restraint for Central State Hospital, Hiram David Medical Center, and the Virginia Center for Behavioral Rehabilitation. <i>(See addendum 6).</i>
Community Operations Update	<p>At 12:42, Jennifer Kovack, Associate Director for Community Operations, reported on staffing changes within the community operations team. Reginald T. Daye, Regional Advocate Manager for Region 5, is retiring after 38 years with the Office of Human Rights. As of January 10, 2023, Ms. Latoya Wilborne is the Regional Advocate Manager for Region 5, in addition Ms. Andrea Milhouse is the Regional Advocate Manager for Region 4.</p> <p>Jennifer Kovack spoke with the committee about human rights data, entered in the Computerized Human Rights Information System (CHRIS), by licensed community providers and Community Services Boards, specific to behavioral health services.</p> <p>Taneika Goldman, State Human Rights Director, reported that the human rights office is working on a guidance document that clarifies peer-to-peer reporting language, in keeping with terminology in the Human Rights Regulations and the Virginia Code.</p>
LHRC Business	At 1:12, the SHRC considered LHRC business.
LHRC Liaison Reports	<p>There were no LHRC Liaison reports.</p> <p>The SHRC received the 2023 LHRC meeting schedule.</p>

LHRC Membership	<p>At 1:13, the SHRC considered LHRC membership.</p> <p><i>At 1:13, upon a motion by Betty Crance and seconded by David Crews the SHRC appointed Sherry Pritchert to the Prince William County LHRC.</i></p>
Sub-committees	<p>At 1:14, Julie Allen called for Sub-Committee reports.</p>
Bylaws Subcommittee	<p>Monica Lucas, Chair; Jennifer Kovack, Staff</p> <p>At 1:14, Monica Lucas thanked Jennifer Kovack for her help with the LHRC Bylaws template changes. Monica Lucas briefly reviewed the modifications. Julie Allen called for a motion to approve the revised Bylaws as presented.</p> <p><i>At 1:19, a motion was made by Monica Lucas and seconded by Betty Crance to approve the revised LHRC Bylaws. The motion passed unanimously.</i></p> <p>Taneika Goldman will work with Julie Allen to draft a memo to send to LHRCs with the revised Bylaws Template.</p>
Policy Subcommittee	<p>David Boehm; Betty Crance; Mary Clair O'Hara, Staff</p> <p>At 1:20, Karen Taylor, Senior Assistant Attorney General, briefed the SHRC on revisions made to the draft SHRC FOIA Policy. The VA Code requires that the SHRC adopt the new policy before implementing changes that took effect September 2022 specific to all-virtual meetings.</p> <p><i>At 1:30, a motion was made by David Boehm and seconded by Monica Lucas to adopt the SHRC Policy. The motion passed unanimously.</i></p>
Workplan Subcommittee	<p>David Crews</p> <p>At 1:30, David Crews reported that the Workplan Subcommittee had nothing to report at this time.</p>
Membership Subcommittee	<p>Will Childers and David Crews</p> <p>At 1:31, Will Childers reported that the Membership Subcommittee had nothing to report at this time.</p>
Officer Subcommittee	<p>Timothy Russell</p> <p>At 1:32, Timothy Russell reported that Julie Allen's second term as SHRC Chair is coming to a close. Mr. Russell asked members to email him by the next meeting date if interested in serving as Chair. Julie Allen asked members to consider serving. She spoke briefly about the duties and responsibilities of the Chair.</p>

Other At 1:36, Taneika Goldman announced that the next meeting will be held at Western State Hospital in Staunton. Mrs. Goldman asked if there is any interest in taking a tour on the day before the meeting. David Boehm asked about inviting CSBs in the area to the meeting.

Adjournment At 1:39, the January 19, 2023, SHRC meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting

March 2, 2023
Western State Hospital
Staunton, Virginia
Region 1