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State Human Rights Committee Meeting

VIRTUAL MEETING

Minutes

Thursday, December 8, 2022

DBHDS

Piedmont Geriatric Hospital

5001 E. Patrick Henry Drive

Auditorium

Burkeville, Virginia

23922

Zoom for Government

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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

SHRC Members Excused Timothy Russell

Staff Present Physically Taneika Goldman, State Human Rights Director
Karen A. Taylor, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Counsel to the SHRC
Mary Clair O'Hara, Associate Director for Facility Operations
Jennifer Kovack, Associate Director for Community Operations
Brandon Charles, Facility Advocate Manager
Tony Davis, Human Rights Advocate
Kli Kinzie, Executive Secretary

Staff Attending Virtually Reginald T. Daye, Regional Advocate Manager, Region 5
Francie Smith, Administrative Assistant for Community Operations

Other DBHDS Staff Present Physically Emma R. Lowry, Psy.D., Facility Director, Piedmont Geriatric Hospital

Other DBHDS Staff Attending Virtually	Jennifer Barker, Director Patient Relations and Recovery Initiatives, Central State Hospital Amy Handley, Clinical Director, Central State Hospital
Others Attending Virtually	Rashaad Riddick, Public Commenter Rebecca Herbig, Disability Rights Advocate, disAbility Law Center of Virginia, (dLCV) Carol Driskill, Disability Rights Advocate, dLCV
Call to Order	At 9:08, Julie Allen, SHRC Chair, called the December 8, 2022, SHRC meeting to order and welcomed all to the meeting. A call for introductions took place prior to proceeding.
Approval of Agenda	At 9:11, the committee considered the agenda. Taneika Goldman, State Human Rights Director, explained the workgroup breakouts listed on the agenda. <i>At 9:12, a motion was made by David Boehm, Vice-Chair, and seconded by Monica Lucas to approve the December 8, 2022, agenda. Julie Allen, Chair, called for votes in roll call fashion. All members voted to pass the motion.</i>
Review of Draft Minutes	At 9:12, the SHRC reviewed the draft minutes of the November 3, 2022, meeting. <i>At 9:12, a motion was made by David Crews and seconded by Will Childers to approve the November 3, 2022, minutes. Julie Allen, SHRC Chair, called for votes in roll call fashion. All members voted to pass the motion.</i>
Information	At 9:13, Taneika Goldman, State Human Rights Director, addressed the committee.
CCCA Variance Update	Mrs. Goldman notified the committee that the Commonwealth Center for Children and Adolescents' variance for the use of a behavioral treatment plan with seclusion for an identified and specific individual has been discontinued. The specific individual has been discharged rendering the variance unnecessary.
RI International Variance Request Notification	At 9:13, Taneika Goldman notified the SHRC of a variance request from RI International. A representative of RI International will participate in the next SHRC meeting to present their request for approval following the public comment period.
OHR Staff Changes	At 9:15, Taneika Goldman introduced Franclynn "Francie" Smith. Ms. Smith is the new OHR Administrative Assistant for Community Operations. At 9:16, Taneika Goldman announced that Mr. Reginald T. Daye is retiring after what will be nearly 40 years of state service. A Virginia State flag is flying over the Capitol building on this day to honor Mr. Daye's service to the Commonwealth.
Welcome and Overview	At 9:15, Emma R. Lowry, Psy.D., Facility Director, Piedmont Geriatric Hospital, welcomed the Committee and provided an overview of the facility and the populations served in the area.
Public Comment	At 9:39, Julie Allen called for public comments. Mr. Rashaad Riddick spoke about a deterioration of freedoms at Central State Hospital, perhaps arising from staff shortages. Julie Allen, SHRC Chair, thanked Mr. Riddick for his comments and invited him to submit comments in writing.

VCBR Tour Debrief	At 9:43, Julie Allen invited committee members to share their thoughts and impressions of a VCBR tour they took on the previous afternoon. Members who participated were glad to see the new complex and commented on the person-centered direction taken by the facility and the positive relationship fostered by Tony Davis, Human Rights Advocate, with the residents of the facility.
Facility Operations	The committee received updates on facility operations.
S/R & Death	At 9:50, Mary Clair O'Hara, Associate Director for Facility Operations, presented seclusion, restraint, and death data. <i>(See addendum 1).</i>
Violation Letters	At 10:11, Brandon Charles, Facility Advocate Manager, presented a summary of violation letters. <i>(See addendum 2).</i>
PHH and VCBR Reports	At 10:13, Tony Davis, Human Rights Advocate, presented reports on human rights complaints, seclusion and restraint, for Piedmont Geriatric Hospital and Virginia Center for Behavioral Rehabilitation. <i>(See addendum 3).</i>
LHRC Business	At 10:24, the SHRC considered LHRC business.
LHRC Liaison Reports	At 10:24, David Crews reported that he attended a meeting of the Rappahannock-Rapidan Area LHRC via Zoom on December 6. He was very impressed with Artea Ambrose, and Heather Hilleary, Human Rights Advocates, who facilitated the LHRC meeting.
LHRC Membership	<p>At 10:29, the SHRC considered LHRC membership.</p> <p><i>At 10:30, upon a motion by Betty Crance and seconded by Monica Lucas the SHRC acknowledged the resignation of Vanessa Santiago from Northwestern Area LHRC and made the following appointments:</i></p> <p><u>Region 1</u> NW Area LHRC: Appoint Katie Anderson</p> <p><u>Region 3</u> Virginia Highlands LHRC: Appoint Stephanie Hall</p> <p><u>Region 5</u> Southeast Alliance LHRC: Appoint Carol Kidd</p>
Southwestern Va Mental Health Institute	At 10:30, Mary Clair O'Hara discussed the outcome of a recent visit by the Joint Commission to Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute involving the implementation of rights restrictions to reduce ligature risks.
Sub-committees	At 10:44, Taneika Goldman asked the Policy Sub-Committee to work with Karen Taylor, Senior Assistant Attorney General, on inclusion of the additional FOIA requirements for virtual meetings, into the existing DBHDS – Human Rights Committee FOIA Policy. Mrs. Goldman asked Chair Julie Allen to work with Monica Lucas of the Bylaws Sub-Committee on aligning the existing LHRC bylaws template with the recently revised and approved SHRC Bylaws. Mrs. Goldman worked with the Workplan and Membership Sub-Committee to develop activities and details for the SHRC workplan and the meeting schedule for 2023.

Policy Subcommittee Membership: David Boehm; Betty Crance; Mary Clair O'Hara, Staff
Workplan Subcommittee Membership: David Crews
Bylaws Subcommittee Membership: Monica Lucas, Chair; Jennifer Kovack, Staff
Membership Subcommittee Membership: Will Childers and David Crews
Officer Subcommittee Membership: Timothy Russell

The sub-committees will report on their recommendations at the next SHRC meeting.

Adjournment

At 10:49, the December 8, 2022, SHRC meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting

January 19, 2022
Central State Hospital
Petersburg, Virginia
Region 4