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STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Northern Virginia Training Center
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Friday, July 11, 2014

Administrative Session

8:30 a.m.

Members Present T.C. Bullock, **Chair**; Penny Cameron, **Vice-Chair**; John Barrett; Ann Bevan; Vicki Cash-Graff; Marietta Cottingham; Timothy Russell

Staff Present Mike Curseen, Regional Human Rights Advocate
Kli Kinzie, Executive Secretary
Deb Lochart, Acting Human Rights Director
Kevin Paluszak, Regional Human Rights Advocate
Tim Simmons, Human Rights Advocate
Karen Taylor, DBHDS Special Counsel

Others Pete Daniel, SHRC Applicant
Sam Dillon, SHRC Applicant

Call to Order At 8:30 TC Bullock, Chairperson, called the July 11, 2014, Administrative meeting of the SHRC to order. A call for introductions took place before proceeding.

Approval of Agenda At 8:30 the SHRC reviewed the July 11, 2013 meeting agenda.

Upon a motion by John Barrett and seconded by Penny Cameron the SHRC unanimously approved the Agenda for the July 11, 2014 meeting.

Deb Lochart, Acting Human Rights Director, greeted William Daniel and Sam Dillon, applicants for SHRC membership, and thanked them for coming.

Correspondence and Information

At 8:32 the SHRC reviewed correspondence and information. The SHRC received informational copies of letters.

Goals Workplan

The SHRC reviewed the Goals Workplan. Timothy Russell noted that the goals activity scheduling ends at September 2014. Following a brief discussion, the committee decided that during the September 12, 2014, meeting members will develop goals and activities for the remainder of 2014 and for the year 2015.

Appeal Responses

At 8:33 the SHRC acknowledged receipt of copies of VCBR Appeal Responses and SHRC Appeal Case 14-02.

VCBR Monthly Report

At 8:36 the SHRC reviewed the VCBR Monthly Report for June.

LHRC Vacancy Tracking

At 8:38 the SHRC reviewed the LHRC vacancy tracking sheet. Deb Lochart and Ann Bevan will draft a letter to affiliates reminding them of their responsibility to take an active role in recruiting LHRC members.

At 8:42 Deb Lochart provided an update on staff changes. Debra Ferguson is the newly appointed Commissioner for DBHDS. Kathy Drumwright is the Acting Chief Deputy Commissioner. Dee Keenan is the Acting Assistant Commissioner of Quality Management and Development. Deb Lochart is the Acting Human Rights Director.

Deb Lochart reported that the closing of Northern Virginia Training Center has been postponed until March 2016.

At 8:45 Kevin Paluszak reported on his efforts to reconfigure the NVTC LHRC under a new name that reflects the LHRC's expanded responsibilities. The LHRC will now cover rights protections for consumers in community programs in Northern Virginia. Tim Simmons reported that the LHRC members have had some difficulty in adjusting to the change.

Newsletter

At 8:47 Timothy Russell reported on the recommendations of the Newsletter sub-committee. The sub-committee is considering adding a FAQ section. Mr. Russell proposed that questions could come in to the sub-committee and then be reviewed by the SHRC during regularly scheduled meetings. The SHRC would develop responses and consult with the Attorney General Office before being printed in the

newsletter.

Penny Cameron suggested the first newsletter issue include a statement regarding the responsibility of affiliates to recruit LHRC members.

The newsletter subcommittee will submit a draft for review at the next regularly scheduled SHRC meeting.

Regulations Revision At 8:50 Karen Taylor provided an update on the revision of the human rights regulations.

Minutes At 8:59 the SHRC reviewed the draft minutes of the June 6 SHRC Meeting.

Upon a motion by John Barrett and seconded by Vicki Cash-Graff the June 6, 2014, SHRC minutes were unanimously approved.

Regular Session

9:00

Members Present T.C. Bullock, **Chair**; Penny Cameron, **Vice-Chair**; John Barrett; Ann Bevan; Vicki Cash-Graff; Marietta Cottingham; Timothy Russell

Staff Present Mike Curseen, Regional Human Rights Advocate
Mark Diorio, Facility Director, Northern Virginia Training Center
Kli Kinzie, Executive Secretary
Deb Lochart, Acting Human Rights Director
Kevin Paluszak, Regional Human Rights Advocate
Michael Schaefer, Director, Office of Forensic Services
Tim Simmons, Human Rights Advocate
Karen Taylor, DBHDS Special Counsel

Others Pete Daniel, SHRC Applicant
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Welcome At 9:05 the July 11, 2014, TC Bullock, Chairperson, called the regular session of the July 11, 2014, SHRC meeting to order. A call for introductions took place prior to proceeding.

Dr. Mark Diorio, Facility Director, Northern Virginia Training Center (NVTC), welcomed the SHRC to the facility. Dr. Diorio thanked the committee and staff of the human rights office for their work and on the behalf of the consumers we serve.

Dr. Mark Diorio provided an overview of the training center and the

services provided.

Tour

At 9:20 Dr. Mark Diorio led a tour of Northern Virginia Training Center.

At 10:00 the tour group returned to the meeting room and Chairman Bullock called for a break until 10:05.

Reconvene

At 10:07 the meeting reconvened.

Report: Office of Forensic Services

At 10:07 Dr. Michael Schaefer, Director, Office of Forensic Services, provided an update on activities of the forensics office. Among the issues discussed were the availability of beds in least restrictive environments, state-wide training on providing treatment to forensic patients, and the hesitancy of nursing homes to accept NGRI patients.

Chairman Bullock thanked Dr. Schaefer for speaking with the SHRC. He commented that there has been a significant lowering in the number of residents awaiting transfer to less restrictive environments. Penny Cameron agreed and thanked Dr. Schaefer for his very thorough report and for his leadership in managing the very good improvements being made. Ann Bevan asked whether attorneys are becoming more involved in consultation regarding the consequences of their clients' pleas of not guilty by reason of insanity. Provision of training and consultation to the courts are on-going.

Report from the Subcommittee for the Appeals of B.F.

At 10:30 TC Bullock briefed the SHRC on the special meeting of the BF subcommittee to hear the appeals of BF on June 12, 2014.

The sub-committee reported on their recommendations to the full SHRC regarding some of the issues heard on July 12. Due to the volume of complaints reviewed by the sub-committee on June 12, the full SHRC did not review all of the complaints on July 11.

Public Comment

Chairman Bullock called for public comments. *No Public Comments were offered.*

LHRC Liaison Reports

At 12:00 Chairman Bullock called for LHRC Liaison reports. *No LHRC Liaison reports were presented.*

LHRC Membership

At 12:00 the SHRC considered local human rights committee membership. On behalf of Nan Neese, Regional Advocate for Region 3, Kevin Paluszak, Regional Advocate for Region 4, presented the recommendations for appointment to Region 3 LHRCs. Michael Curseen, Regional Advocate for Region 4, presented the recommendations for appointment to LHRCs in Region 4. On behalf

of Reginald T. Daye, Michael Curseen presented the LHRC recommendations for appointment to the Region 5 LHRCs.

Upon a motion by Penny Cameron the SHRC convened in closed session pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711(1) for the purpose of discussion and consideration of appointments to and removals from Local Human Rights Committees.

Upon reconvening in open session, the State Human Rights Committee certified that to the best of each member's 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.

Appointments *Upon a motion by Vicki Cash-Graff and seconded by John Barrett the SHRC unanimously moved to make the following local human rights committee appointments and reappointments.*

Region 3 Virginia Highlands LHRC
Reappoint: Mr. Mark A. Fendig


Region 4 Metro Richmond LHRC
Reappoint: Ms. Amanda R. Simons
Tuckahoe LHRC
Appoint: Ms. Theresa Taylor, Ms. Juanita V. Coleman

Region 5 Atlantic Regional LHRC
Appoint: Mr. Steven L. Alexander, Mr. Jeremiah Smith, Jr.

Adjournment *Upon a motion properly made and seconded the July 11, 2014, SHRC meeting adjourned at 12:09. p.m.*

The next meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2014, at Catawba Hospital in Catawba, Virginia.

Respectfully Submitted,



TC Bullock, Chair



Kfi Kinzie, Secretary