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State Human Rights Committee Meeting
MINUTES
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services
Piedmont Geriatric Hospital
5001 E. Patrick Henry Highway
Burkeville, Virginia
23922
Region 4

Friday, April 21, 2017
Administrative Session
8:30 a.m.

Members Present Vicki Cash Graff, **Chairperson**; John Barrett, **Vice-Chairperson**; Ann Bevan; Marietta Cottingham; Pete Daniel; Sam Dillon; Stephanie Heidelberg; Sandy Robbins; Timothy Russell

Staff Present Beverly Garnes, Regional Human Rights Advocate
Taneika Goldman, Assistant State Human Rights Director
Kli Kinzie, Executive Secretary
Deb Lochart, State Human Rights Director
Tammy Long, Human Rights Advocate
Karen Taylor, Assistant Attorney General
Cheryl Young, Human Rights Advocate

Others Present M.A., Party to Appeal
George Daniel, Charlotte Court House

Call to Order At 8:40, Vicki Cash Graff, Chairperson, called the Administrative Session of the April 21, 2017, State Human Rights Committee meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda At 8:40 the SHRC reviewed the Agenda.

Upon a motion by Sam Dillon and seconded by Pete Daniel the Agenda was approved unanimously with the addition of a discussion of RAC meetings.

RAC At 8:45, Vicki Cash Graff provided a brief summary of the February 2017 meeting of the Resident Advisory Council (RAC) of VCBR. Ms. Cash Graff proposed that the subcommittee for RAC meet with RAC twice a year rather

than quarterly.

The SHRC agreed by consensus to approach the RAC about meeting twice a year.

Correspondence and Information

At 8:51, Deb Lochart, State Human Rights Director, led the discussion on correspondence and information.

Central Virginia Community Services LHRC and Central Virginia Training Center LHRC are consolidating to be known as Central Virginia LHRC.

Goals Workplan

At 8:53, Timothy Russell led the discussion and solicited committee members' involvement in developing a goals workplan for the upcoming year. At 9:30 Vicki Cash Graff tabled continuation of the discussion until later in the day.

BREAK

At 9:30, Vicki Cash Graff called for a break

RAC Meeting

Virginia Center for Behavioral Rehabilitation
4009 E. Patrick Henry Highway
Burkeville, Virginia
23922

RAC Meeting

At 9:40, the SHRC relocated to VCBR to meet with the Resident Advisory Council (RAC) in closed session.

At 10:40, the SHRC returned to the Auditorium of Piedmont Geriatric Hospital.

Executive Summary

At 10:40, Deb Lochart led a discussion of the Draft 2016 Executive Summary.

Regular Session

10:45 a.m.
Piedmont Geriatric Hospital
Auditorium

Members Present

Vicki Cash Graff, **Chairperson**; John Barrett, **Vice-Chairperson**; Ann Bevan; Marietta Cottingham, Pete Daniel, Sam Dillon; Stephanie Heidelberg; Sandy Robbins; Timothy Russell

Staff Present

Artea Ambrose, Human Rights Advocate
Carrie Flowers, Human Rights Advocate
Samantha Fogt, Human Rights Advocate
Beverly Garnes, Regional Human Rights Advocate
Taneika Goldman, Assistant State Human Rights Director
Kli Kinzie, Executive Secretary
Deb Lochart, State Human Rights Director

Tammy Long, Human Rights Advocate
Cassie Purtlebaugh, Regional Human Rights Advocate
Karen Taylor, Assistant Attorney General
Cheryl Young, Human Rights Advocate

Others Present

M.A., Party to an Appeal
George Daniel, Charlotte Court House

Call to Order

At 10:45, Vicki Cash Graff, Chairperson, called the Regular Session of the April 21, 2017, State Human Rights Committee meeting to order. A call for introductions took place prior to proceeding.

Draft Minutes

At 10:46, the SHRC reviewed the draft Minutes of the March 10, 2017, SHRC meeting.

Upon a motion by Ann Bevan and seconded by Pete Daniel, the minutes of the March 10, 2017, State Human Rights Committee meeting were approved unanimously.

Variance Notices

At 10:47, Taneika Goldman, Assistant State Human Rights Director, called attention to the Variance Notices for James Barry Robinson Center and Newport News Behavioral Health Center. The Variance requests have undergone LHRC review and are moving thru the variance public review and approval process.

VCBR

At 10:48, the SHRC acknowledged receipt of VCBR Appeal Responses. A brief discussion of the VCBR Monthly Variance Reports followed.

Public Comment

At 10:52, Vicki Cash Graff called for Public Comments.

No Public Comments were offered.

Officers Committee Update

At 10:52, Marietta Cottingham, Chairperson of the Officers Subcommittee, distributed material for nomination of officers by paper ballot.

Membership Committee Update

At 10:57, Timothy Russell, Chairperson of the Membership Subcommittee, provided an update on membership. Stephanie Heidelberg and Marietta Cottingham have resigned from the SHRC. Vicki Cash Graff suggested the committee begin recruiting for a sex offender treatment provider to prepare for her vacancy next year. Timothy Russell commented that the committee should begin searching for a consumer to fill his upcoming vacancy next year.

Timothy Russell asked Sam Dillon and Pete Daniel if they were interested in being reappointed this summer. Sam Dillon and Pete Daniel will send reappointment applications to Timothy Russell. Deb Lochart reported that there is no budget for advertising. Assistance in recruitment will come from human rights advocates. John Barrett and Deb Lochart asked Cheryl Young to reach out to VCBR regarding a former resident who may be willing to

serve on the SHRC.

BREAK

At 11:05, Vicki Cash Graff called for a break to relocate to Building 29 to conduct an Appeal.

Appeal

At 11:12, the SHRC gathered in Building 29 to conduct an Appeal.

Officers Committee
Continued

At 12:45, Marietta Cottingham, reported on the ballots gathered. Election of officers will be placed on the agenda for the June 9, 2017, SHRC meeting in Region 4.

Closed Session

At 12:53, upon a motion by John Barrett and seconded by Pete Daniel, the SHRC *convened in closed session pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A) (1) for the purpose of discussion of personnel matters lawfully exempt from the Freedom of Information Act.*

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 the closed session.

Other

At 12:56, Deb Lochart offered to provide the SHRC with a one-page sheet on Variances for VCBR and other facilities. Timothy Russell requested that Ms. Lochart make a statement at the top of the page that articulates the difference between Variances and Exemptions.

The SHRC offered comments on the Draft Executive Summary.

Recognition of Service

At 1:01, Timothy Russell thanked Stephanie Heidelberg and Marietta Cottingham for their service on the State Human Rights Committee.

Adjournment

At 1:08, the April 21, 2017, SHRC meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting

Friday, June 9, 2017
NCG Care Richmond
5540 Falmouth Street
Richmond, Virginia
23230
Region 4