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State Human Rights Committee Meeting

MINUTES

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services
Central Office
Commissioner's Board Room
1220 Bank Street
Richmond, Virginia
23219

Friday, March 10, 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
Lana Hurt, Human Rights Advocate
Kli Kinzie, Executive Secretary
Deb Lochart, State Human Rights Director
Karen Taylor, Assistant Attorney General
- Others Present** George Daniel, Charlotte Court House
- Call to Order** At 8:30, Vicki Cash Graff, Chairperson, called the Administrative Session of the March 10, 2017, State Human Rights Committee meeting to order.
- Approval of Agenda** At 8:31 the SHRC reviewed the Agenda.
Upon a motion by Sandy Robbins and seconded by Marietta Cottingham the Agenda was approved unanimously.
- Correspondence and Information** At 8:31, Deb Lochart, State Human Rights Director, led the discussion on correspondence and information.
- Goals Workplan** At 8:38, Timothy Russell led the discussion on goals for the upcoming cycle.
- BREAK** At 8:51, Vicki Cash Graff called for a break.

Regular Session

9:09 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

Denise Dunn, Investigations Manager and Chief Privacy Officer
Samantha Fogt, Human Rights Advocate
Will Frank, Legislative Affairs Director
Beverly Garnes, Regional Human Rights Advocate
Taneika Goldman, Assistant State Human Rights Director
Sharae Henderson, Human Rights Advocate
Lana Hurt, Human Rights Advocate
Kli Kinzie, Executive Secretary
Deb Lochart, State Human Rights Director
Dev Nair, Assistant Commissioner, Quality Management
Cassie Purtlebaugh, Regional Human Rights Advocate
Andrew Salatino, Forensic Program Consultant, Forensic Services
Karen Taylor, Assistant Attorney General
Richard Wright, Forensic Mental Health Consultant

Others Present

George Daniel, Charlotte Court House

Call to Order

At 9:09, Vicki Cash Graff, Chairperson, called the Regular Session of the March 10, 2017, State Human Rights Committee meeting to order. A call for introductions took place prior to proceeding.

Draft Minutes

At 9:10, the SHRC reviewed the draft Minutes of the January 27, 2017, SHRC meeting.

Upon a motion by Ann Bevan and Pete Daniel, the minutes of the January 27, 2017, State Human Rights Committee meeting were approved unanimously.

Appointment of SHRC Membership Committee

At 9:10, Vicki Cash Graff appointed Stephanie Heidelberg, Sandy Robbins and Timothy Russell to the Subcommittee for SHRC Membership. Timothy Russell will serve as Chairperson.

Appointment of Officer Nominating Committee

At 9:11, Vicki Cash Graff appointed Marietta Cottingham, Pete Daniel and Sam Dillon to the Subcommittee for Nominating SHRC Officers. Marietta Cottingham will serve as Chairperson.

Variance Notice:
Harbor Point
Behavioral Center

At 9:12, the SHRC acknowledged the notice of intent to request a Variance from Harbor Point Behavioral Center.

Variance Notice:
Kempsville Center
for Behavioral
Health

The SHRC acknowledged the notice of intent to request a Variance from Kempsville Center for Behavioral Health.

Variance Notice:
Virginia Beach
Department of
Human Services

The SHRC acknowledged the notice of intent to request a Variance from Virginia Beach Department of Human Services.

Public Comments

At 9:13, Vicki Cash Graff announced the Public Comment Period. *No public comments were offered.*

VCBR	At 9:14, John Barrett reported on the February 17, 2017, meeting of the VCBR Resident Advisory Council (RAC). The SHRC received VCBR Appeal Responses and monthly Variance reports. Vicki Cash Graff suggested the addition of a goal related to monitoring rights protections at VCBR.
Guest Speaker: Forensic Services	At 9:25, Richard Wright, Forensic Mental Health Consultant, gave a presentation on the activities and initiatives of the Office of Forensic Services.
Guest Speaker: Legislative Affairs	At 10:08, Will Frank, Legislative Affairs Director, gave a presentation of the legislative review process and a summary of the 2016-17 General Assembly actions relative to DBHDS.
Appeal	At 10:35, the SHRC reviewed an Appeal.
Update on OHR Initiatives	Tabled.
Human Rights Regulations	At 11:20, Karen Taylor, Assistant Attorney General, provided the SHRC with training on changes to the human rights regulations.
<i>BREAK</i>	At 11:59, the SHRC gathered lunch.
LHRC Business	At 12:21, the SHRC considered local human rights committee business.
Liaison Reports	At 12:21, Vicki Cash Graff called for LHRC Liaison Reports. <i>No reports were given.</i>
LHRC Membership	<p><i>At 12:22, upon a motion by John Barrett the SHRC convened in closed session pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711(1) for the purpose of discussion and consideration of matters lawfully exempt from the Freedom of Information Act, namely to consider local human rights committee membership.</i></p> <p>Upon reconvening in open session all members of 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.</p> <p>Cassie Purtlebaugh presented the LHRC membership recommendation for Regions 1 and 2. On behalf of Jennifer Kovack, Taneika Goldman presented LHRC membership recommendations for Region 3. On behalf of Reginald T. Daye, Taneika Goldman presented the LHRC membership recommendation for Region 5.</p> <p><i>Upon a motion by Ann Bevan and seconded by Pete Daniel the SHRC voted unanimously to make the following LHRC appointments.</i></p>
Appointments	<p><u>Region 1&2: Northwest and Capital</u> Central Virginia Community Services LHRC Appoint: Ms. Anna Jennings</p> <p><u>Region 3: Southwest</u></p>

Virginia Highlands LHRC
Appoint: Ms. Barbara Bartnik, Ms. Michelle DeBord

Region 5: Tidewater
Health Planning Region 5 LHRC
Appoint: Ms. Adrienne Benjamin-Scott - appt

LHRC Appointment Charlottesville Area LHRC
Appoint: Ms. Rita Shelton

Adjournment At 12:59, the March 10, 2017, SHRC meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting

Friday, April 21, 2017
Piedmont Geriatric Hospital
5001 E. Patrick Henry Highway
Burkeville, Virginia
23922
Region 4