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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, January 27, 2017

**Administrative Session**

8:30 a.m.

**Members Present** John Barrett, **Vice-Chairperson**; Ann Bevan; Marietta Cottingham, Pete Daniel, Stephanie Heidelberg; Sandy Robbins

**Members Excused** Vicki Cash Graff, **Chairperson**; Sam Dillon; Timothy Russell

**Staff Present** Carrie Flowers, Human Rights Advocate  
Beverly Garnes, Regional Human Rights Advocate  
Taneika Goldman, Assistant State Human Rights Director  
Sharae Henderson, Human Rights Advocate  
Kli Kinzie, Executive Secretary  
Deb Lochart, State Human Rights Director  
Dev Nair, Assistant Commissioner, Quality Management  
Gail Taylor, Behavioral Health Wellness Director  
Karen Taylor, Assistant Attorney General  
Cheryl Young, Human Rights Advocate

**Others Present** George Daniel, Charlotte Court House  
Becky Currin, Disability Rights Advocate, Disability Law Center of Virginia  
Virginia Pharis, Disability Rights Advocate, Disability Law Center of Virginia

**Call to Order** At 8:30, John Barrett, Vice-Chairperson, called the Administrative Session of the January 27, 2017, State Human Rights Committee meeting to order.

**Approval of Agenda** At 8:30 the SHRC reviewed the Agenda.

*Upon a motion by Ann Bevan and seconded by Sandy Robbins the Agenda was approved unanimously.*

**Correspondence and Information** At 8:31, Deborah Lochart, State Human Rights Director, led the discussion on correspondence and information.

**Goals Workplan** Deb Lochart informed the Committee that the updated human rights regulations have been approved and provided a summary of the changes. Karen Taylor suggested that SHRC members attend a training scheduled for the day before the next SHRC meeting.

**2017 Meeting Schedule** At 8:36, John Barrett reminded all that the April meeting will be held in Burkeville, when the SHRC will visit VCBR and attend a meeting of the Resident Advisory Council.

**Consultation** At 8:37, Karen Taylor requested that the Committee convene in Closed Session.

*Upon a motion by Sandy Robbins and seconded by Pete Daniel, the SHRC convened in closed session pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A) (7) for the purpose of consultation with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice.*

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.

Deb Lochart stated that she and Karen Taylor will develop a document that provides guidelines and rules for public comment.

**BREAK** At 8:50, John Barrett called for a break.

**Regular Session**  
9:14 a.m.

**Members Present** John Barrett, **Vice-Chairperson**; Ann Bevan; Marietta Cottingham, Pete Daniel, Stephanie Heidelberg; Sandy Robbins

**Members Excused** Vicki Cash Graff, **Chairperson**; Sam Dillon; Timothy Russell

**Staff Present** Carrie Flowers, Human Rights Advocate  
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Gail Taylor, Behavioral Health Wellness Director  
Karen Taylor, Assistant Attorney General  
Amira Turner, Substance Use Disorders Services  
Cheryl Young, Human Rights Advocate

**Others Present** George Daniel, Charlotte Court House  
Becky Currin, Disability Rights Advocate, Disability Law Center of Virginia  
Virginia Pharis, Disability Rights Advocate, Disability Law Center of Virginia

**Call to Order** At 9:14, John Barrett, Vice-Chairperson, called the Regular Session of the

January 27, 2017, State Human Rights Committee meeting to order. A call for introductions took place prior to proceeding.

**Draft Minutes**

At 9:15, the SHRC reviewed the draft Minutes of the December 9, 2016, SHRC meeting.

*Upon a motion by Pete Daniel and seconded by Marietta Cottingham, the minutes of the December 9, 2016, State Human Rights Committee meeting were approved unanimously.*

**OHR Initiatives**

At 9:16, Taneika Goldman, Assistant State Human Rights Director, provided an update on initiatives of the Human Rights Program.

**Goals Workplan**

At 9:22, John Barrett tabled discussion of the 2017 Goals Workplan until the next meeting. Mr. Barrett asked that recommendations for the Workplan be forwarded to Timothy Russell.

**Guest Speaker:**  
Behavioral Health  
Wellness

At 9:26, Gail M. Taylor, M. Ed, Director of Behavioral Health Wellness, gave a presentation on the activities and initiatives of the Office of Behavioral Health Wellness

**Guest Speaker:**  
Substance Use  
Disorders

At 9:57, Amira Turner, Substance Use Disorders Services, gave a presentation of the REVIVE project.

**Public Comments**

At 10:40, John Barrett announced the Public Comment Period. A call for introductions took place prior to proceeding.

Virginia Pharis, Disability Rights Advocate, dLCV, addressed the SHRC concerning persons on Ready for Discharge status.

**BREAK**

At 10:56, John Barrett called for a brief break.

**VCBR**

At 10:58, the Committee reviewed VCBR Appeal Responses and Monthly Variance Reports.

John Barrett announced that the April SHRC Meeting will be held in Burkeville.

**LHRC Business**

At 11:00, the SHRC considered local human rights committee business.

John Barrett called for LHRC Liaison reports. *No reports were given.*

Taneika Goldman suggested this may be a good time for SHRC members to attend LHRC meetings to thank the LHRC members for their service.

Mrs. Goldman talked about planned Regulations training for Providers. Deb Lochart said she would keep the SHRC informed about upcoming training on the Regulations that would be more appropriate and beneficial for LHRC and SHRC members.

**Bylaws**

At 11:05, Karen Taylor, Assistant Attorney General, reported that she is

reviewing a model Bylaws document developed by the Office of Human Rights. The document is aligned with the new Regulations and will be used by all LHRCs.

**LHRC Membership Reassignment**

At 11:07, Taneika Goldman discussed a proposal brought forth by Mr. Reginald T. Daye, Regional Human Rights Advocate, which would allow for the reassignment of current LHRC members to other LHRCs. The proposal will facilitate a seamless transition as the LHRC program consolidates to a network of LHRCs that will support individuals and providers in keeping with the Regulations.

*Upon a motion by Marietta Cottingham and seconded by Pete Daniel the SHRC unanimously adopted Mr. Daye's proposal as stated by Mrs. Goldman.*

**LHRC Membership Appointments**

*At 11:09, upon a motion by Sandy Robbins and seconded by Ann Bevan 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.*

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.

Taneika Goldman presented LHRC Member resignations and appointments on behalf of Cassie Purtlebaugh, Regional Advocate for Regions 1 and 2.

**Resignations**

CVTC LHRC

Ms. Renell Meeks

RACSB LHRC

Ms. Michaeline (Mickie) Galik

*The SHRC thanks Ms. Renell Meeks and Ms. Mickie Galik for their service.*

*Upon a motion by Marietta Cottingham and seconded by Stephanie Heidelberg the SHRC voted unanimously to make the following LHRC appointment.*

**LHRC Appointment**

Charlottesville Area LHRC

Appoint: Ms. Rita Shelton

**Adjournment**

At 11:16, the January 27, 2017, SHRC meeting adjourned.

**Next Meeting**

Friday, March 10  
DBHDS Central Office  
Richmond, Virginia  
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Region 4