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**STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Friday, September 11, 2015
New River Valley Medical Center Carillion Clinic
2900 Lamb Circle
Christiansburg, Virginia
24073

Administrative Session
8:30 a.m.

- Members Present** Vicki Cash Graff, **Chairperson**; Timothy Russell, **Vice-Chairperson**; John Barrett; Ann Bevan; Marietta Cottingham; Pete Daniel
- Members Excused** T.C. Bullock; Penny Cameron; Sam Dillon
- Staff Present** George Daniel, Interested Person
Kli Kinzie, Executive Secretary
Deb Lochart, Human Rights Director
Dwayne Lynch, Human Rights Advocate
BJ McKnight, Human Rights Advocate
Nan Neese, Regional Advocate, Region 3
Karen Taylor, Assistant Attorney General
- Call to Order** At 8:33, Vicki Cash Graff called the September 11, 2015, Administrative Session of the State Human Rights Committee meeting to order. A call for introductions took place prior to proceeding.
- Approval of Agenda** At 8:35, the SHRC reviewed and discussed the September 11, 2015, meeting agenda.

Upon a motion by Pete Daniel and seconded by John Barrett the SHRC unanimously approved the September 11, 2015 agenda with modifications.
- Briefing from the Human Rights Director** At 8:40, Deb Lochart, Human Rights Director, briefed the SHRC on activities of the Agency and the Office of Human Rights.
- Correspondence and Information** At 9:09, the SHRC reviewed DBHDS Agency Head Communications, the SHRC Goals Workplan, the LHRC Tracking Sheet, and a SHRC Appeal Response.

BREAK

At 9:10, Chairperson Cash Graff called for a short break.

Regular Session

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9:18 a.m.

Members Present Vicki Cash Graff, **Chairperson**; Timothy Russell, **Vice-Chairperson**; John Barrett; Ann Bevan; Marietta Cottingham; Pete Daniel

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Others Libby Wade, LCSW, Practice/Clinical Manager, Department of Psychology, Saint Albans Hospital, Carilion New River Valley Medical Center

Present via Teleconference Jennifer Barker, Consumer Affairs, Central State Hospital
Dr. Brandi Justice, Clinical Director, Central State Hospital
Michael Curseen, Regional Advocate, Region 4
B.F., Complainant, Central State Hospital/Western State Hospital
Carrie Flowers, Human Rights Advocate
Taneika Goldman, Human Rights Advocate
Simona Haqq, Human Rights Advocate
William O'Bier, Facility Operations Specialist, Office of Behavioral Health
Mark Seymour, Human Rights Advocate

Call to Order and Welcome At 9:18, Libby Wade, LCSW, Practice/Clinical Manager, Department of Psychology, Saint Albans Hospital, Carilion New River Valley Medical Center, welcomed the SHRC to the medical center. Ms. Wade talked about the history of the facility and highlights of recent changes.

Review of Draft Minutes: July 10, 2015 At 9:28, the SHRC reviewed the draft minutes of the July 10, 2015, SHRC meeting.

Upon a motion by Timothy Russell and seconded by Pete Daniel the SHRC unanimously approved the minutes of the July 10, 2015, SHRC meeting with modifications.

VCBR At 9:30, the SHRC reviewed VCBR Appeal Responses and VCBR Variance Use Reports. Timothy Russell, Vice-Chairperson, gave a brief overview of his suggested re-formatting of the Variance Report.

VCBR RAC Meeting	At 9:46, Vicki Cash Graff, Chairperson, reported on the August 28, 2015, VCBR RAC meeting. General consensus was that the August 28 meeting was the best one so far. Deb Lochart thanked Vicki Cash Graff, Penny Cameron and TC Bullock for attending the RAC meetings.
Appeal : Alexandria CSB vs. Alexandria LHRC in the matter of I.C.	<p>At 9:57, the SHRC reviewed a request from Alexandria CSB to postpone the Appeal of Alexandria CSB vs. Alexandria LHRC in the matter of I.C. until the October 2015 SHRC Meeting.</p> <p><i>Upon a motion by Timothy Russell and seconded by Ann Bevan the SHRC unanimously approved Alexandria CSB's request to postpone the Appeal of Alexandria CSB vs. Alexandria LHRC in the matter of I.C. until the October 2015 SHRC Meeting.</i></p>
LHRC Membership	<p>At 9:58, the SHRC considered membership on Local Human Rights Committees. Ann Bevan discussed the disparity of data on the LHRC Tracking Sheet and information provided on some of the LHRC rosters and cover memos.</p> <p><i>At 10:06, Upon a motion by Timothy Russell and a second by Marietta Cottingham, 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.</i></p> <p>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.</p>
LHRC Resignation	<p>At 10:07, the SHRC reviewed LHRC resignations for Region 1&2. Ms. Christine Duguet tendered her resignation from UVA LHRC, and Ms. Tina Robertson and Ms. Calli Gaston resigned from Region Ten LHRC.</p> <p><i>The SHRC accepted the resignations and thanks Christine Duguet, Tina Robertson and Calli Gaston for their service.</i></p>
LHRC Removals	The SHRC reviewed the request for removal of Ms. Susie Francis from Ocean View Regional LHRC.
LHRC Appointments	<p>Ms. Nan Neese, Region 3 Regional Human Rights Advocate, presented the recommendations for LHRC membership on behalf of Cassie Purtlebaugh, Regional Advocate for Region 1&2. Ms. Neese presented also the recommendations for membership in Region 3.</p> <p><i>The SHRC tabled the recommended appointments for Western State Hospital pending clarification from the Human Rights Advocate.</i></p>
Region 1 & 2	<p><u>Commonwealth Center for Children and Adolescents LHRC</u> Appoint: Dr. Gregory Czyszczon</p>

Rappahannock Area LHRC

Appoint: Ms. Sondra Perkins

Rappahannock-Rapidan LHRC

Appoint: Ms. Jackie Dare, Ms. Betsy Knight-Reid

Region Ten LHRC

Appoint: Mr. D. Bruce Ellsworth, Ms. Margaret J. Harvey

Rockbridge Area LHRC

Appoint: Dr. Janet Boller, Ms. Cheryl Rittenhouse-Wong

UVA LHRC

Appoint: Ms. Tracey R. Elder, Ms. Patricia Pollock

Region 3

Catawba LHRC

Reappoint: Mr. David Lofgren

Mount Rogers LHRC

Appoint: Ms. Elizabeth Ann Moore

Roanoke LHRC

Appoint: Ms. Trudi Mardian

Southwest LHRC

Appoint: Ms. Sally Lewis, Ms. Julie Johnson

At 10:26, Upon a motion by Ann Bevan and seconded by Pete Daniel the SHRC unanimously voted to make the above removal, appointments and reappointments.

Appeals: B.F. vs. Central State Hospital LHRC (§ 50 C.2 & C.4) and B.F. vs. Central State Hospital LHRC (§ 100 B.3)

At 10:44, the SHRC considered the Appeals of B.F. vs. Central State Hospital LHRC (§ 50 C.2 & C.4 Dignity). Jennifer Barker, Central State Hospital, Dr. Brandi Justice, Clinical Director, Central State Hospital, Mark Seymour, Human Rights Advocate, Simona Haqq, Human Rights Advocate, Michael Curseen, Region 4 Regional Human Rights Advocate, and B.F., Complainant, participated via teleconference. B.F. requested an extension of his two Appeal reviews.

Upon a motion by Ann Bevan and seconded by John Barrett the Appeals of B.F. vs. Central State Hospital LHRC (§ 50 C.2 & C.4 Dignity) and (§ 100 B.3 Freedoms), were postponed until the October SHRC meeting.

LHRC Membership

At 10:49, the SHRC continued its consideration of membership on Local Human Rights Committees.

Upon a motion by Timothy Russell and a second 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 appointments to 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.

Ms. Nan Neese, Region 3 Regional Human Rights Advocate, presented the recommendations for LHRC membership on behalf of Michael Curseen, Regional Advocate for Region 4, Reginald T. Daye, Regional Advocate for Region 5, and Beverly Garnes, Regional Advocate for Region 6.

Region 4

Central Area LHRC

Reappoint: Dr. Louis B. Cei

Chester Regional LHRC

Appoint: Ms. Brandy L. Young-Gqamana

Commonwealth LHRC

Appoint: Ms. Kimberly Lawrence

Crater LHRC

Appoint: Mrs. Patricia Blackwell

Reappoint: Mrs. Sequoya Willis

Henrico LHRC

Appoint: Ms. Brianne L. Jones

Phoenix LHRC

Appoint: Mr. Doug Cochran

Reappoint: Dr. Louis B. Cei

Tri-Cities LHRC

Appoint: Ms. Elizabeth Lewis Woodhead

Region 5

Chesapeake Regional LHRC

Appoint: Ms. Tashaly Moses

Eastern Virginia LHRC

Appoint: Ms. Katherine Lynch

Genesis LHRC

Appoint: Ms. April Godwin

James City Regional LHRC

Appoint: Ms. Marjean W. Allen

Norfolk Regional LHRC

Appoint: Ms. Angelique Hutton

Southeast Alliance LHRC

Appoint: Ms. Lorrie Poland-Brantley

Region 6

Goochland-Powhatan LHRC

Appoint: Mrs. Christina Vernon

At 10:59, upon a motion by Ann Bevan and seconded by Pete Daniel the SHRC unanimously voted to make the above appointments to LHRCs in regions 4, 5 and 6.

Annual Report:
Region 3

At 11:03, the SHRC heard the Annual Report for Region 3. Ms. Nan Neese presented the report on behalf of staff Dwayne Lynch and BJ McKnight.

**LHRC
Membership**

At 11:12, Dwayne Lynch, Human Rights Advocate, reported that he spoke with Mark Seymour, Human Rights Advocate, about questions raised by the SHRC regarding LHRC appointments for Western State Hospital. Questions were answered to the SHRC's satisfaction.

Upon a motion by Ann Bevan and seconded by Marietta Cottingham the SHRC voted unanimously to make the following appointments.

Region 1 & 2
(continued)

Western State Hospital

Appoint: Ms. Cheryl A. Talley, Mr. John D. Beghtol, Mr. Lyskoski T.
Washington

Meeting Planning
Region 5 Meeting

At 11:15, the SHRC discussed the location for the October 23 SHRC meeting. The October meeting is scheduled to take place in Region 5. Deb Lochart will contact staff in Region 5 to consider possible meeting sites.

Planning Retreat
Meeting

At 11:18, the SHRC discussed possible locations and the agenda for the SHRC Planning Retreat.

Public Comment

At 11:26, Vicki Cash Graff, Chairperson, called for public comments. *No public comments were offered.*

Extraordinary
Barriers

At 11:32, the SHRC received an update on extraordinary barriers. William O'Bier, Facility Operations Specialist, Office of Behavioral Health, joined the meeting via teleconference.

LUNCH

At 12:20, the SHRC took a break for lunch and viewed "The Lynchburg Story", a video on eugenics.

At 12:52, Nan Neese, Regional Human Rights Advocate, introduced Mala Thomas to the SHRC.

SHRC Liaison
Reports

SHRC members reported on LHRC meetings they attended since the July 10 SHRC meeting.

Adjournment

At 12:53, the meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting

Friday, October 23, 2015
Region 5 (Tidewater)

Respectfully Submitted,



Vicki Cash Graff,
SHRC Chairperson

Drafted by



Kli Kinzie,
Executive Secretary