

GOOCHLAND-POWHATAN LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE  
GOOD NEIGHBOR HOMES, INC  
NATIONWIDE BUILDING, BOULDERS  
7501 BOULDER VIEW DRIVE  
RICHMOND, VA 23225  
APRIL 26, 2018, 9:54 a.m.  
Approved

LIST MEMBERS PRESENT:

Monica Lucas, Chair  
Christina Vernon, Secretary  
Sharae Henderson, HR Advocate  
Ashea Green, Member  
Shaketa Draughn, Member  
Kimberly Lawrence, Member

LIST MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

CALL TO ORDER

Monica Lucas called the meeting to order at 9:54 a.m. Those in attendance made introductions.

MINUTES

Ashea Green made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2018. The motion was seconded by Shaketa Draughn and unanimously approved by committee members in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Committee Member Needs – This committee really needs a consumer representative. They do not have to currently be receiving services. Would be good to have 2.  
Five members are needed for a quorum so it would be good to have a few more members. Kimberly Lawrence will be getting married two days after the July 2018 meeting, but plans to be here so we should have a quorum.
- Committee Elections – Monica Lucas has been appointed to the State Human Rights Committee beginning in July 2018. Vice Chair Kimberly Lawrence should move to the chair of this committee and a new vice chair be selected. Shaketa Draughn volunteered to serve as vice chair. Chris Vernon made a motion for Shaketa Draughn to assume the vacant position of vice chair. Kimberly Lawrence seconded the motion which passed without opposition. Sharae Henderson e-mailed a copy of the committee by laws to all members during the meeting.
- Upcoming members terms expiring – Chris Vernon's term on this committee will be expiring in July. She is willing to serve another term.

- Community Safety – As follow-up to the discussion at the January 25 meeting of this committee. Monica Lucas announced that on Wednesday, May 2, 2018, she will be presenting a workshop on Community Safety for Mental Health Professionals. Representatives of the Henrico County and Richmond City Police Departments will share information to assist community MH workers increase their awareness of measures for increased safety within the community. This will be the first of a series planned to promote discussion and actions to assist providers in efficiently and safely delivering services. A flyer with information on the workshop was distributed.

#### AGENDA ITEMS

- Regulation changes impacting service delivery – There is a problem with distribution of funds for services due to a delay in regulations. Community agencies are not being reimbursed, and this has been going on since January. There is no plan as to how it will be rolled out. ID is getting reimbursed because of a change a few years ago in ID reimbursement procedures. It is unknown how the system will work.  
There are also issues around including consumers in the decision-making process. Individuals are not being consulted or informed of changes in their insurance carriers made by the social worker. If the social worker is part of the overall team, even though an employee of DSS, this is a human rights violation. Case manager or Advocate could enter in CHRIS as violation. This population is quite vulnerable.
- Committee Membership – See related items under Public Comments

#### ADVOCATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Regional Advocate – Sharae has been promoted to Regional Advocate for Region IV. As a result, she will be leaving this committee when a replacement is assigned. May be here for July meeting, but definitely by the October meeting.
- Human Rights Posters – Beginning June 1, 2018, posters should transition to naming the Regional Advocate, not the assigned Advocate. The Phone # is (804)524-7427.
- Sharae Henderson will also be a member of the State Human Rights Committee.
- Home and Community-based waiver- Impacting ID/DD. Existing and new providers must meet requirements. There are additional criteria to assure more independence and access to choices of activities in home. Needs to be detailed. Self-assessment must be done before the review. More consumer input into activities in the community. The Human Rights Office is checking to make sure they are in compliance. Licensing website may have criteria for working with guardians to relinquish some control.
- Training – Sharae Henderson provided training on the new Human Rights Regs.
  - Authorized Representative 12 VAC35-115-146, B.2, Next friend (Definition, Requirements, Role of LHRC). Discussion of needed documentation of capacity

evaluations and appointment. Sharae Henderson is sending list of definitions for surrogate decision-making. Also e-mailed handouts for this section.

- LHRC 12VAC35-115-270.A.6 Composition, Meeting Requirements, By Laws, Responsibilities, Agenda Template, and Sample Minutes Template. Sharae Henderson sent handouts which are also available on the DBHDS website.
- FOIA overview

The next meeting of the Goochland-Powhatan LHRC will be Thursday, July 26, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. at Good Neighbor Homes, 7501 Boulder View Drive, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, Richmond, VA 23225.

MEETING ADJOURNED – Motion made to adjourn made by Ashea Green, seconded by Shaketa Draughn. The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

These Minutes were transcribed by Christina Vernon, Secretary.

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