

SOUTHEAST ALLIANCE LHRC

Minutes

11/21/23, 2023

12:00pm

Riverside Mental Health and Recovery Center

2244 Executive Dr, Hampton, VA 23666

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Microsoft Teams Link:

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Human Rights Advocate Contact: Jen Anglin

Members Present:

Stephanie Nesbitt - Acting Chair

Mariko Branch - Member

Betsy Lang - Member

Lavar Reynolds - Member

Members Absent:

Sabrina Edwards- Chair

Providers

Darius Robinson - Newport News Behavioral Health via Teams

Chardon Rich – Newport News Behavioral Health via Teams

Michelle Humphries – Wall Residences via Teams

Others Present

Jodi Diaz – LHRC Applicant via Teams

Office of Human Rights

Corie M Reed - Human Rights Advocate

Jen Anglin - Human Rights Advocate

Miracle Reed-Thompson - Human Rights Advocate via Teams

Others Absent

Latoya Wilborne- Regional Manager

Sarita Lee Champion – LHRC Applicant

David Bland – MPNN CSB

Jocelyn Key – MPNN CSB

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Nesbitt, acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:02pm.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mrs. Nesbitt and seconded by Mrs. Mariko Branch.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the August 15, 2023, minutes was made by Mrs. Nesbitt and seconded by Mariko Branch. Motion carried.

Public Comments

None

Chairperson Announcements (if any)

None

Regional Advocate Report

- New Regional Manager for Region 2 announced: Diana Atcha
- New Training & Development Coordinator position has been hired for – new person will be announced soon.
- Launch of new DBHDS logo and marketing campaign. New look moving DBHDS into the future w/explanation of what logo symbolizes.
- Advocate discussed adding current/relevant newsclips pertaining to topics that the members might be interested – all members were in favor.

Old Business

Newport News Behavioral Health Center- Variance Quarterly Update:

Chardon Rich presented for quarter three:

- 1.) Restrictions on Freedom of everyday Life:
 - It was reported that there were no complaints or grievances reported/ filed during the 3RD quarter.
- 2.) Telephone/ Visitation:
 - It was reported that there were no complaints or grievances reported/filed during the 3RD quarter.

New Business-

- The LHRC reviewed and discussed the 2024 schedule:
Tuesday February 20, 2024 at 12:00pm
Tuesday May 21, 2024 at 12:00pm
Tuesday August 20, 2024 at 12:00pm
Tuesday November 19, 2024 at 12:00pm

The 2024 schedule was motioned to be approved by Mariko Branch and seconded by Stephanie Nesbitt and unanimously approved by the committee members.

Closed Session

Motion was made by Mariko Branch and seconded by Betsy Lang at 12:18pm that the Southeast Alliance LHRC will go into closed session pursuant to VA code 2.2-3711 (A), for the purpose of discussing confidential information lawfully exempt from public disclosure, to complete an interview and involving the reviewing of a restrictive plan for Wall Residences.

Return to Open Session

The committee reconvened in open session at 12:45 p.m. by unanimous vote on a motion by Mrs. Betsy Lang and seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Nesbitt. Each member certified that, to the best of each of their knowledge, only private business matters, lawfully exempted from the statutory open session

requirements and identified in the motion by which the closed session was convened, was discussed in the closed session, namely for the purposes of completing an interview and reviewing a restrictive plan for Wall Residences.

Recommendation: **Motion made by Besty Lang, seconded by Stephanie Nesbitt and unanimously approved by the committee members as follows:**

- Wall Residences and Newport News Behavioral Health Center to provide a 90-day update at the February 20, 2024 Southeast Alliance Local Human Rights Committee meeting.
- Recommend to the State Human Rights Committee the appointment of Mrs. Jodi Diaz as a member of the Southeastern Regional LHRC. (Please note that the committee completed this interview on behalf of Southeastern Alliance LHRC).

MEETING ADJOURNED:

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday February 20, 2024 at 12:00pm. The location will be at Riverside Mental Health & Recovery Center, 2444 Executive Drive Hampton VA. Hearing no business, Stephanie Nesbitt adjourned the meeting at 12:50pm.