

TRI-CITY LHRC
Approved Minutes
November 16th, 2023
6:00PM
Central State Hospital
26317 W Washington St, Petersburg, VA 23803

MEMBERS PRESENT

Laurel Borrel – Member
Brandie French – Member
Chanel Morgan – Member
Deborah Buford – Member

Members Absent

Danielle Hunt – Chairperson

OTHERS PRESENT

Tanieka Goldman – Director of the Office of Human Rights, DBHDS
Brandon Charles – Facility Operations Manager, DBHDS
Tony Davis – Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS
Madison Miller – Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS
Mykala Sauls – Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS
Riley Curran – Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS
Amanda Goza – Clinical Psychologist, Northern Virginia Mental Health Institute
Bethzaida Felix- Santiago – Clinical Psychologist, Northern Virginia Mental Health Institute
Jennifer Barker – Director of Patient Relations, Central State Hospital
Patrick Robertson – Risk Manager, Western State Hospital
Inga Schroder- Community Member
Larry Schroder – Community Member

CALL TO ORDER

Laurel Borrel called meeting to order at 6:03PM

ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE

Those in attendance make introductions. Chair welcomes attendees.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chanel Morgan motioned for the agenda to be approved and Brandie French seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by all committee members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Brandie French motioned for the minutes to be approved and Chanel Morgan seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by all committee members present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tanieka Goldman, State Human Rights Director, was present and made public comments including a thank you to volunteer committee members.

CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADVOCATE REPORT AND TRAINING

Tony Davis provided the advocate report including statistics, news, and training opportunities. Please see attached.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations at Central State Hospital, provided an update on the four human right variances in place including current complaints and appeals.

NEW BUSINESS

NVMHI Restriction DW

Following a discussion of new business, a motion was made by Brandie French and seconded by Chanel Morgan that Northern Virginia Mental Health Institute's restriction of DW was done in compliance with the Human Rights Regulations.

NVMHI Restriction BW

A motion was made by Laurel Borrel and seconded by Chanel Morgan that Northern Virginia Mental Health Institute's restriction of BW was done in compliance with the Human Rights Regulations.

CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion made by Chanel Morgan and seconded by Brandie French, the committee entered closed session pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711, a.15 and §2.2-37.05.5 for the purpose of discussion of New Business and KS Appeal Hearing.

Based on the discussion of the KS Appeal Hearing, contingent on additional information provided by Western State Hospital in 3 business days a decision will be provided to KS within 10 working days. A recommendation was also made that KS received full and routine reviews of her medication list with treatment team for the remainder of her admission.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Upon reconvening in open session, each member certified that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only private business matters, lawfully exempted from statutory open session requirements and identified in the motion by which the closed session was convened, were considered in the closed session, namely, to review an Individual's restrictive plan.

Brandie French motioned, and Chanel Morgan seconded to implement the recommendations made in closed session. The recommendations were unanimously approved by all members in attendance.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Hearing no additional business Laurel Borrel adjourned at 8:31 PM. The next meeting date is 2/16/24 @ 6PM.

Advocate Report, State Facilities

Quarterly ANE and complaint statistics

For the calendar quarter ending 9/30/2023:

Facility	Abuse Cases*	Complaint Cases*
WSH	14	9
CCCA	12 (4)	4
NVMHI	14 (4)	9
SWVMHI	5 (1)	34
Catawba	7 (1)	3
SVMHI	9 (1)	12
CSH	44 (5)	26
HDMC	0	0
PGH	1	10 (1)
VCBR	13	39 (21)
ESH	5 (2)	77
SEVTC	6 (3)	1

*Cases in parentheses are substantiated.

Similar community information may be located by reviewing minutes from Local Human Rights Committees in your area via the Commonwealth Calendar: <https://commonwealthcalendar.virginia.gov/>

Summary of current Variances for Facilities

- Central State Hospital has 4 variances all of which expire in 2025. There are no new variances pending.
- Western State Hospital has 2 variances which expire in 2024. One of these variances is being reviewed by the SHRC in January. It is currently in the Virginia Register of Regulations for public comment.
- Virginia Center for Behavioral Rehabilitation has 2 variances which will expire in 2024. There are no variances currently pending.

DBHDS Updates

- Diana Atcha has been selected as the Office of Human Rights Region 2 Manager. She started this week in her new role.
- OHR has completed interviews for a new Training & Development Coordinator. We hope to have an announcement soon.
- OHR developed a training for State Operated Facilities to use during their New Employee Orientations to train new staff on Human Rights. It is expected this will begin implementation in early 2024.
- To support the implementation of priority initiatives such as the Governor's Right Help, Right Now plan, the DBHDS Strategic Plan, and STEP-VA, DBHDS is creating an Office of Strategic

Planning and Execution that will report directly to the Commissioner. This new capability will be positioned to support the timely completion of major programs and to ensure that agency activities and interagency requirements are coordinated across DBHDS.

Trainings for Providers & Facilities

<https://dbhds.virginia.gov/quality-management/human-rights/training-resources-for-providers/>

Please view this link to locate trainings for providers and state operated facilities. Currently trainings are on hold as we finish recruiting for a Training and Development Coordinator.

SHRC Meetings

<https://dbhds.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/2023-SHRC-Meeting-Schedule.pdf>

December 14, 2023 – DBHDS Central Office, Richmond, VA

The SHRC is required to meet at least 8 times a year. Unless special circumstances apply, administrative sessions normally convene at 8:30AM. Regular sessions normally convene at 9:00AM and run until all agenda items are addressed. Portions of meetings are held in closed session. Appeals are normally scheduled for late morning. Feel free to join any meeting to observe the open portions. Contact brandon.charles@dbhds.virginia.gov to advise him you will be joining as an LHRC member observing the open meeting. You can join in-person or virtually.

LHRC Trainings

New LHRC members will receive notice in their appointment letters regarding attending Orientation and viewing the other training materials (Overview HRR, LHRC Forms, Fact Finding Hearings, FOIA) sessions.

If you are a new member, as of October, 2022, and have not received Orientation, please notify brandon.charles@dbhds.virginia.gov.

More trainings will be announced in 2024.

LHRC Recruitment

We are currently recruiting for Local Human Rights Committees assigned to the Facility Operations Team:

Staunton Area LHRC – Meets quarterly in Staunton at Western State Hospital.

Tri-City LHRC – Meets quarterly in Petersburg at Central State Hospital.

Williamsburg Regional LHRC – Meets quarterly in Williamsburg at Eastern State Hospital.

Please contact Brandon Charles, MSW, Facility Operations Manager at brandon.charles@dbhds.virginia.gov for more information or an application.