

STAUNTON AREA LHRC

Approved Minutes

October 4th, 2023

10:30 AM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Eva Wilson – Chairperson

Kim Nine – Member

Abby Shirkey - Member

Members Absent

Doug Cochran – Vice Chairperson

OTHERS PRESENT

Riley Curran - Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS OHR

Mykala Sauls – Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS OHR

Brandon Charles, MSW – Manager of Facility Operations, DBHDS OHR

Jennifer Kovack – Associate Director of Community Operations, DBHDS OHR

Patrick Robertson – Director's Liaison, Western State Hospital

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Eva Wilson at 10:32 AM.

ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE

Those in attendance made introductions.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was submitted with no changes and a motion to approve was made by Abby Shirkey seconded by Kim Nine and unanimously approved by all members in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were motioned to be approved by Abby Shirkey seconded by Kim Nine and unanimously approved by all members in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

ADVOCATE REPORT AND TRAINING

Riley Curran provided the advocate report to include facility data regarding quarterly ANE and Complaint Statistics, summary of current Variances, local updates, and upcoming events.

CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion made by Eva Wilson and seconded by Kim Nine 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 treatment plans.

NEW BUSINESS (Closed Session)

- WSH Visitor Restriction Review

The Visitor Restriction Review was motioned to be approved after returning to open session by Kim Nine seconded by Abby Shirkey and unanimously approved by all members in attendance.

- WSH Variance Renewal

The Variance Renewal was motioned to be approved after returning to open session by Kim Nine seconded by Abby Shirkey and unanimously approved by all members in attendance.

- WSH Visitor Restriction Review

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- WSH Hearing Request

Based on a unanimous vote the Staunton Area Local Human Rights Committee determined there was no violation of 12VAC35-115-50.B.2 and there were no recommendations made to Western State Hospital.

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.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned by Eva Wilson at 12:25 PM. The next meeting date is in December 6, 2023 at 10:30 AM located at Western State Hospital.

