

RAPPAHANNOCK-RAPIDAN AREA LHRC

Approved Minutes

June 2, 2023

10:30am

15361 Bradford Rd, Culpeper, VA

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jackie Dare – Chairperson

Arla Lewis– Member

David Henry – Member

Ann Garrett – Member

Dominique Leon - Member

Members Absent

Betsy Knight-Reid – Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Artea Ambrose – Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS Region #1

Heather Hilleary – Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS Region #1

Taneika Goldman – State Human Rights Director

Meinyon Robertson – Able Arms

Heather Knowles – LHRC Applicant

Willie Nelson – LHRC Applicant

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Dare called meeting to order at 10:37am.

ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE

Those in attendance made introductions. Chair welcomes attendees.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Henry motioned to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Dr. Garrett. The motion was unanimously approved by all committee members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Garrett motioned for the March 2023 draft minutes to be approved. Seconded by Ms. Lewis. The motion was unanimously approved by all committee members present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments made.

CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements from the Chair.

ADVOCATE REPORT AND TRAINING

• Quarterly Complaint Statistics

For the quarter ending 3/31/2022 in Region 1:

- **39** Complaints involving allegations of ANE (CSB)
- **218** Complaints involving allegations of ANE (Providers)
- **14** Complaints not involving ANE (CSB)
- **18** Complaints not involving ANE (Providers)

This is a decrease in total complaints from Q4 to Q1 and is most likely a reflection of the rescinded 2017 Peer-on-Peer Aggression Guidance. Of Q1's 289 total complaints, 42 allegations involving ANE were substantiated. This is a percentage of 14.5% substantiated cases.

• Summary of current Variances for R1

There are no current variances for community-based providers in Region 1.

• Updates

We are currently recruiting LHRC members for the following LHRCs in Region 1:

- Charlottesville Area Local Human Rights Committee (meets in person in Charlottesville, VA, quarterly)
 - 1 professional (lawyers and other persons with interest, knowledge, or training in the mental health, developmental, or substance abuse services field)
- Rappahannock Rapidan Area Local Human Rights Committee (meets in person in Culpeper, VA, quarterly)
 - 2 individuals who have received services within the past 5 years of appointment date
 - 1 healthcare provider
 - 1 family member of an individual who has received services

Please contact Cassie Purtlebaugh via email at cassie.purtlebaugh@dbhds.virginia.gov if you are interested in becoming a member of one of these committees.

dLCV Survey

disAbility Law Center of Virginia (dLCV) has initiated a survey to learn more about the experiences, knowledge, and comfort with the Human Rights Complaint Process from individuals who have received services from DBHDS. If you are interested in taking part in the survey, you can access it here:

[Human Rights Complaint Process Survey - disAbility Law Center of Virginia \(dlcv.org\)](https://www.dlcva.org/human-rights-complaint-process-survey)

• Upcoming Events

Visit the OHR page on the DBHDS website for updated training opportunities. Please see below for upcoming statewide training opportunities between now and July 11, 2023.

You may also access this information, as well as the registration links for all 2023 trainings, here: [2023-Community-Provider-Training-Schedule.pdf \(virginia.gov\)](#)

Tuesday June 6 th	10:00a – 12:30p	Restrictions, Behavioral Treatment Plans, & Restraints (RBR) <i>This training is designed to educate the learner on regulatory requirements related to the use of restrictions, behavioral treatment plans, and restraints.</i>	5/1/23 – 6/1/23	RBR 6/6/23
Thursday June 15 th	9:00a – 2:00p	Investigating Abuse & Neglect: The Basics (Invest) <i>This training is designed as an overview of the investigative process, specific to the investigation of abuse and neglect.</i>	5/10/23 – 6/12/23	INVEST 6/15/23
Tuesday July 11 th	9:00a – 1:00p	Reporting in CHRIS <i>This training is designed to educate the learner on the human rights complaint process and provider reporting requirements specific to abuse and neglect allegations. The learner will</i>	6/5/23 – 7/5/23	CHRIS 7/11/23

Upcoming 2023 SHRC Meetings

The full SHRC meeting schedule can be found here: [2023-SHRC-Meeting-Schedule.pdf \(virginia.gov\)](#)

June 22, 2023 – CRI – Northern Virginia Location

August 17, 2023 – Virginia Beach CSB

September 28, 2023 – NVMHI

November 2, 2023 – Blue Ridge Community Services Board

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.

Upcoming LHRC Trainings

All new LHRC members (as of October, 2022) are expected to attend LHRC Orientation. 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). Dr. Carlton Henderson, Training and Development Coordinator for the OHR, will conduct these orientation sessions.

If you are a new member, as of October, 2022, and have not received Orientation, please notify the advocate who provides technical assistance to your committee for assistance.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS

- Entered into closed session to review the applications of Willie Nelson and Heather Knowles.
- Restriction Review – Able Arms

CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion made by Ms. Dare and seconded by Mr. Henry, 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 not related to public business.

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.

- Ms. Lewis motioned to approve Willie Nelson's application as a member of the Rappahannock-Rapidan Area LHRC. Seconded by Mr. Henry. Unanimously approved by all members present.
- Dr. Garrett motioned to approve Heather Knowles' application as a member of the Rappahannock-Rapidan Area LHRC. Seconded by Ms. Leon. Unanimously approved by all members present.
- Dr. Garrett motioned to approve Able Arms 1 restriction plan with no recommendations. Seconded by Mr. Henry. Unanimously approved by all members present. Recommend advocate conduct a site visit to review the restriction.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The next scheduled LHRC meeting is Tuesday, August 29, 2023 at 10:30am at the Rappahannock-Rapidan CSB – 15361 Bradford Rd, Culpeper, VA.

Hearing no other business items, Mr. Henry motioned to adjourn and seconded by Ms. Lewis. Ms. Dare adjourned the meeting at 11:40am.