

NORTHWESTERN AREA LHRC

Final Minutes

August 9th, 2023

10:00 AM

209 W. Criser Rd #300, Front Royal, VA 22630

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Taylor – Member

Lisa Parlett-Member (arrived just before closed session)

Linda Stasiak-Member

Emma Stasiak-Member

Kevin LeVan-Chairperson

Cathy Wolfe-member

Stacey Umbenour – Co-Chairperson (arrived just before closed session)

Members Absent

Katie Anderson-Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Heather Hilleary – Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS Region #1

Artea Ambrose – Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS Region #1

Kathleen Keller- Rappahannock Area CSB

BH#1

April Charest-Gillis-Wall Residence

Samara Gall-Next Friend

Bridgett Mensah-RACSB

CALL TO ORDER

Kevin Levan called the meeting to order at 10:09 AM.

ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE

Those in attendance made introductions. Chair welcomed attendees.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Agenda with changes (hearing postponed due to petitioner emergency and addition of Next Friend Request) motioned to be approved by Cathy Wolfe and seconded by Chris Taylor. The committee approved the agenda by unanimous vote of 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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- Minutes were motioned to be approved by Linda Stasiak and seconded by Cathy Wolfe. The committee approved the minutes by unanimous vote of 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- Motion to approve extension to file petition for hearing postponed.
- Motion to approve extension for provider response to petition due to redaction postponed.
- Hearing-Individual #1 vs. Horizon Behavioral Health postponed.
- Discussed possible dates to reschedule hearing.
- Next Friend Request- Rappahannock Area CSB

CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion made by Chris Taylor and seconded by Cathy Wolfe, 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 Next Friend Request.

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,

- Motion made by Kevin LeVan and seconded by Cathy Wolfe to approve Next Friend Request. The committee approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADVOCATE REPORT AND TRAINING

Advocate Comments, Region 1

• 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)

- 1 healthcare provider
- 1 family member of an individual who has received services.
- 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 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.

- Upcoming Events

2023-Community-Provider-Training-Schedule has been suspended until further notice. DBHDS is seeking to hire a training coordinator who will begin offering these trainings again soon. If providers are seeking training, please reach out to your advocate.

Upcoming 2023 SHRC Meetings

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

None

Next meeting will be on November 8th, 2023 at 10:00 am at 209 West Criser Rd. #300, Front Royal, VA.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion made by Stacey Umbenour and seconded by Cathy Wolfe to adjourn the meeting. The committee approved by unanimous vote of 8-0.

Hearing no other business items, Kevin Levan adjourned the meeting at 10:43 AM.

Minutes were transcribed by, Heather Hilleary, Human Rights Advocate.