

**Southeastern Regional
Local Human Rights Committee
June 15th, 2022 at 9 am
Virginia Beach Department of Human Services
297 Independence Boulevard
Building P6
4th Floor Conference Room 431 Virginia
Beach, VA 23462**

Zoom: <https://dbhds.zoomgov.com/j/16144829190?pwd=Uld1MzQwTmpVWnZtSmpGY1BwTVV5QT09>

Draft Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mark Douglass, Member
Dick Roberts, Member
Sandy Montez-Gerhardt, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Matthew Albright, Absent
Marilyn F. Nendza, Member

OFFICE OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Corie Reed- Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS
Latoya Wilborne- Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS
Angela Dobson- Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS (via Zoom)
Reginald Daye- Regional Manager, DBHDS (via Zoom)

OTHERS PRESENT

Julie Delk - James Barry Robinson Institute, LHRC Liaison
Kerry Kruk – Virginia Beach Department of Human Services
Melanie Joyner – Holiday House of Portsmouth
Shantel Taylor-The James Barry Robinson Institute, LHRC Liaison
Brian Kates, Chardon Rich- Newport News Behavioral
Besty Lang- Riverside Behavioral Health- Potential LHRC member

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Dick Roberts, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order. Those in attendance made introductions to include their name and title.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The February 15, 2022 agenda was motioned to be accepted by Mr. Mark Douglass, seconded by Mr. Roberts, and unanimously approved by the committee members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The approval of the Feb 9, 2022 minutes was motioned to be accepted by Mr. Douglass, seconded by Mrs. Gerhardt, and unanimously approved by the committee members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

REGIONAL ADVOCATE ANNOUNCEMENT/ ADVOCATE REPORT:

Mr. Reginald Daye (Regional Manager) thanked committee members and participating providers for their time and patience. Informed members all meetings held, quorum must meet in person. Discussion of closed and open sessions, interview process and announcement of upcoming training for LHRC members scheduled for July 22, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and election of LHRC officers will held as well as placed on the agenda for the next scheduled meeting on September 21, 2022. Completion of other interviews to be held at upcoming LHRC of Region 5; Health Planning Region 5.

OLD BUSINESS

Variance Update

- Holiday House of Portsmouth
Ms. Melanie Joyner presented the quarterly variance update:
 - ICF children's residential facility for ages 5-21
 - Visitation variance ○ Active upon admission
 - No complaints or violations

- James Barry Robinson Institute
Ms. Julie Delk presented the quarterly variance update:
 - Telephone and visitation restrictions
 - Program provides for children starting at age 6.
 - At the time of admission, an approved list of contacts is created with the input from the client, clinician and the AR or legal guardian.
 - No changes made to the variance and was approved for continuance.
 - 0 Complaints

- Virginia Beach Department of Human Services-
Ms. Kerry Kruk presented an overview of its State Human Rights Committee (SHRC) approved variance to the LHRC members.
 - The variance addresses telephone use and visitation.
 - 0 instances of contraband obtained from an outside contact on the premises or carried in by an outside visitor.
 - 0 complaints about the variance.
 - Variance is for the Crisis Stabilization Program (The Pathways Center)
 - No changes made to this variance and was approved for continuance.

- Newport News Behavioral Health Center
Brain Kates presented an overview of its State Human Rights Committee (SHRC) approved variance to the LHRC member
 - The variance addresses telephone use, visitation and behavior management
 - 0 complaints

CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Mr. Mark Douglass and second by Sandy Gerhardt for the Southeastern Regional LHRC to go into closed session pursuant to VA code 2.2-3711 (A), for the purpose of reviewing confidential information, lawfully exempted from the statutory open session requirements involving an LHRC interview.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The committee reconvened in open session by unanimous vote on a motion by Mr. Douglass and seconded by Mr. Roberts. 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 completion of an LHRC interview.

- **Recommendation:** Motion was made by Mr. Douglass and second by Ms. Gerhardt and unanimous voted to recommend to the SHRC, the appointment of Mrs. Lang for membership on the **Southeast Alliance LHRC**.

TRAINING

None

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Location: Virginia Beach Department of Human Services, 258 N. Witchduck Rd. Suite 1A, Virginia Beach, VA 23462

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MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion made to ADJOURN the meeting by Mr. Douglass, seconded by Mr. Roberts and unanimous approved by the committee members at 11:55am.