

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Approved Minutes

Wednesday June 26, 2024

9:30 am

The Barry Robinson Center

443 Kempsville Road, Norfolk, VA 23502

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Advocate Contact: Corie M. Reed (804.454.5064)

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Douglass - Acting Chair;

Sandy Montez-Gerhardt - Member

Stacy Johnson – Secretary

Shawn Henry - Member

Members Absent:

Patricia Albritton

OTHERS PRESENT:

Corie Reed – Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS Region 5

Miracle Reed-Thompson- Human Rights Advocate; DBHDS Region 5

Melanie Joyner- Holiday House; via Teams

Julie Delk - Barry Robinson Center

Chardon Rich- Newport News Behavioral Health

Bianca Munce- The Farley Center

Call to Order:

Mr. Douglass called the meeting to order at 9:38 am

ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE:

Those in attendance make introductions. Chair welcomes attendees.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Mrs. Johnson

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve March 20, 2024 minutes was made by Ms. Johnson and second by Mrs. Gerhardt and Mrs. Henry. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

None

Chairperson Announcements:

None

Regional Advocate Report:

No Announcements to report by Regional Manager

Advocate Reed informed members and other participants of training available. It was also reported that Ms. Johnson shared that this would be her last meeting. Ms. Johnson shared that she is open to participating on another committee closer to her work

Old Business:

Holiday House of Portsmouth – Variance Update

Ms. Melanie Joyner presented the quarterly variance update:

- ICF children's residential facility for ages 5-21
- Visitation variance is active upon admission
- No complaints, violations or grievances

The James Barry Robinson Institute – Variance Update

Mrs. 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 Complaints, violations or grievances

Newport News Behavioral Health -Variance Update

Ms. Chardon Rich presented the two (2) quarterly updates

- Telephone and visitation
- Behavior Management System
- No complaints, violation, and/or grievance

New Business:

The Farley Center request for LHRC to review the new updates to Program Handbook Approval

- Language Used
- Electronic Devices
- Post COVID updates
- Overnight Guest

LHRC Members discussed the possibility of changing the meeting time from 9:30 am to 10:00 am. It was understood that a vote would need to take place when all members are present.

Closed Session:

N/A

Recommendations:

Motion was made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Ms. Johnson and unanimously approved by the committee to:

- For the LHRC members to take time to review the handbook and send any questions or concerns prior to approval.

Meeting Adjourned:

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 9:30. The location will be at The James Barry Robinson Institute - 443 Kempsville Road, Norfolk, VA 23502.

Hearing no business, Mr. Douglass adjourned the meeting at 10:20 am.