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State Human Rights Committee Meeting  
**MINUTES**

Richmond Behavioral Health Authority  
107 South Fifth Street  
Conference Room, Floor 2  
Richmond, Virginia  
23219

Friday, January 26, 2018

**Administrative Session**

8:30 a.m.

- Members Present** Vicki Cash Graff, **Chairperson**; John Barrett, **Vice-Chairperson**; Ann Bevan; Pete Daniel; Salina Greene; Ann Pascoe; Sandy Robbins; Timothy Russell
- Member Excused** Sam Dillon
- Staff Present** Karen Taylor, Senior Assistant Attorney General  
Deb Lochart, State Human Rights Director  
Taneika Goldman, Assistant State Human Rights Director  
Kli Kinzie, Executive Secretary
- Others Present** George Daniel, Charlotte Court House  
Laura Minnick, Coordinator of Consumer and Family Affairs, Richmond Behavioral Health Authority
- Call to Order** At 8:36 Vicki Cash Graff, Chairperson, called the administrative session of the January 26, 2018, State Human Rights Committee meeting to order.
- Approval of Agenda** At 8:40, the SHRC reviewed the agenda.  
  
*Upon a motion by John Barrett and seconded by Ann Bevan the agenda was approved unanimously.*
- Correspondence** At 8:40, Deb Lochart, State Human Rights Director, led the committee's

- and Information** review of correspondence. Ms. Lochart spoke briefly about her involvement with issues coming before the General Assembly.
- Goals Workplan** Deb Lochart reported on modifications to the goals workplan.
- At 8:43, in response to a request from Sandy Robbins, Deb Lochart provided more information about the bills coming before the General Assembly that are related to Behavioral Health and Developmental Services.
- Ann Bevan reported that SB835, concerning the prohibition of closure of Central Virginia Training Center, was reviewed on Thursday, January 25.
- Deb Lochart reported that she and staff are assisting with the waiver validation process to ensure that providers are in compliance with Home and Community Based Services.
- BREAK* At 8:50, Vicki Cash Graff called for a break until 9:00.

**Regular Session**  
9:00 a.m.

- Members Present** Vicki Cash Graff, **Chairperson**; John Barrett, **Vice-Chairperson**; Ann Bevan; Pete Daniel; Salina Greene; Ann Pascoe; Sandy Robbins; Timothy Russell
- Members Excused** Sam Dillon
- Staff Present** Karen Taylor, Senior Assistant Attorney General  
Deb Lochart, State Human Rights Director  
Taneika Goldman, Assistant State Human Rights Director  
Jodi Kuhn, Director, Office of Data Quality and Visualization  
Mellie Randall, Director, Substance Use Disorders  
Kli Kinzie, Executive Secretary
- Others Present** George Daniel, Charlotte Court House  
Laura Minnick, Coordinator of Consumer and Family Affairs, Richmond Behavioral Health Authority  
Dana Traynham, disAbility Law Center of Virginia  
Hannah Setzer, disAbility Law Center of Virginia
- Present via Teleconference** Sue Kelly, Delmarva Foundation  
Marion Olivier, Delmarva Foundation  
Yani Su, Delmarva Foundation
- Call to Order** At 9:00, Vicki Cash Graff, Chairperson, called the regular session of the January 26, 2018, State Human Rights Committee meeting to order. A call for introductions took place prior to proceeding.

- Draft Minutes** At 9:01, the SHRC reviewed the draft minutes of the December 8, 2017, SHRC meeting.
- Upon a motion by Ann Pascoe and seconded by John Barrett the minutes of the December 8, 2017, State Human Rights Committee meeting were approved unanimously with one correction.*
- Presentation** At 9:03, Mellie Randall, Director of Substance Use Disorders (SUD), DBHDS, gave a PowerPoint presentation titled, “The Opioid Crisis in Virginia”. Ms. Randall reported that the office of SUD is working to bring an understanding of opioid addiction to legislators. She spoke on a variety of issues related to opioids, including the use of opioids for pain, risk factors among different socio-economic classes, and medication distribution and take-back programs.
- VCBR** At 10:12, the SHRC discussed VCBR monthly variance reporting.
- Public Comment Period** At 9:14, Vicki Cash Graff called for public comments. *No public comments were offered.*
- Update OHR** At 10:15, Taneika Goldman provided an update on activities of the office of human rights. The office is moving forward with filling the position of Regional Advocate for Region 4. Ms. BJ McKnight, Human Rights Advocate in Region 3, will retire in March.
- Update RBHA** Laura Minnick, Coordinator of Consumer and Family Affairs, Richmond Behavioral Health Authority, reported that there is a Substance Abuse and Addiction Recovery Alliance (SAARA) here in Richmond. SAARA is a community-based grassroots membership organization of people in recovery and community supporters across the Commonwealth. Ms. Minnick spoke briefly about the program and its initiatives.
- Other** At 10:19, Deb Lochart introduced Jodi Kuhn, Director, Office of Data Quality and Visualization. Ms. Kuhn was present to assist with the Delmarva presentation.
- BREAK** At 10:20, Vicki Cash Graff called for a brief break.
- Presentation** At 11:31, LaDonna Walters, Delmarva Foundation, gave a PowerPoint presentation on Virginia Quality Service Reviews. Ms. Walters was assisted by Jodi Kuhn. Ms. Walters was also assisted by Delmarva staff Sue Kelly, Marion Olivier, and Yani Su, who joined the meeting from Tallahassee via teleconference.
- LUNCH** At 11:44, Vicki Cash Graff called for a break for lunch.
- VCBR** At 12:15, Vicki Cash Graff spoke about the SHRC’s role and relationship

with VCBR. Over the years the SHRC has lost the specificity of its role in relation to VCBR. Karen Taylor, Senior Assistant Attorney General, provided a history of the situation of the population and staff of VCBR, and described the parameters and scope of responsibility of the SHRC. The SHRC's relationship with RAC may have run its course and it may be time to pull back and only perform general due process duties for VCBR, such as variance reviews.

VCBR has a variance in place that covers the complaint review and resolution process. Karen Taylor and Deb Lochart will look at the variance and consider whether DBHDS is required to provide a LHRC for VCBR. Deb Lochart suggested that there are other ways to monitor what is happening at VCBR. She asked if the SHRC would like her to present a periodic report that summarizes VCBR complaints and issues. The report could include data retrieved from the Data Warehouse and would include copies of VCBR appeal responses. Ms. Lochart could present the report during regular SHRC meetings.

Karen Taylor offered to review the reports and make recommendations to the department based on the SHRC's comments.

John Barrett endorsed Ms. Lochart's proposal. A brief discussion ensued regarding whether the SHRC RAC subcommittee would meet at VCBR on February 9. Deb Lochart will send a letter to RAC which states that the SHRC RAC subcommittee will not be meeting at VCBR on February 9, 2018.

**Subcommittee Update**

At 12:51, Sandy Robbins, Chairperson of the officer nominating subcommittee, reported that the subcommittee will be prepared to vote on a slate of officers at the March 9, 2018, SHRC meeting. A slate of officers will be issued as part of the agenda for the meeting. The officer subcommittee consists of Sandy Robbins, Chairperson, Ann Bevan and Pete Daniel.

**Subcommittee Update**

At 12:55, Timothy Russell, Chairperson of the SHRC membership subcommittee, reported that the SHRC is looking for a consumer and a provider/professional in the Northern Virginia area (Region 1) and in the Tidewater region (Region 5). Mr. Russell asked for assistance from the human rights advocates to reach out to the LHRCs for candidates. Deb Lochart and Taneika Goldman will send an email to the advocates asking for their assistance. Kli Kinzie will forward the email to the SHRC after it goes out to the advocates.

Mr. Russell will contact applicants from the last round of screenings who expressed an interest in being considered for appointment in the future.

The SHRC should be prepared to interview applicants during the March 9,

2018, meeting. The membership subcommittee consists of Timothy Russell, Chairperson, Salina Greene and Sam Dillon.

**LHRC Business** At 1:07, the SHRC reviewed local human rights committee business.

LHRC Membership *Upon a motion by Ann Bevan and seconded by Ann Pascoe the SHRC made the following local human rights committee removals and appointment per recommendations submitted by the human rights advocates. The motion passed unanimously.*

Northern Virginia Regional LHRC

Removals:

Ms. Ali Osman and Ms. Amy Purnell

Appointment:

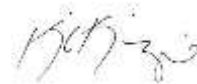
Ms. Jacqueline Benson

**Adjournment** *At 1:09, the January 26, 2018, SHRC meeting adjourned.*

Respectfully Submitted,



Vicki Cash Graff, Chairperson  
State Human Rights Committee



Kli Kinzie,  
Executive Secretary

Next Meeting

Friday, March 9, 2018

Region 4