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**STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Friday, July 10, 2015**

Rappahannock Area Community Services Board

600 Jackson Street

Fredericksburg, Virginia

22401

**Administrative Session**

8:30 a.m.

**Members Present** Timothy Russell, **Vice-Chair**; John Barrett; Ann Bevan; Penny Cameron; Pete Daniel; Sam Dillon

**Members Excused** Vicki Cash Graff, **Chair**; T.C. Bullock; Marietta Cottingham

**Staff Present** Michael Curseen, Regional Human Rights Advocate  
Taneika Goldman, Human Rights Advocate  
Kli Kinzie, Executive Secretary  
Deb Lochart, Human Rights Director  
Cassie Purtlebaugh, Regional Human Rights Advocate  
Karen Taylor, Assistant Attorney General

**Others** George Daniel, Interested Person  
Erin Haw, Disability Law Center of Virginia (dLCV)

**Call to Order** At 8:33, Timothy Russell, Vice Chair, called the July 10, 2015 Administrative meeting to order. A call for introductions took place before proceeding.

**Approval of Agenda** At 8:34, the SHRC reviewed the July 10, 2015 meeting agenda. Timothy Russell added the review of the draft minutes for the June 5, 2015, SHRC meeting, as well as the Public Comment Period at 11:00 a.m.

*Upon a motion by Pete Daniel and seconded by Ann Bevan, the SHRC unanimously voted to approve the amended agenda for the July 10, 2015 State Human Rights Committee meeting.*

**Director's Report** At 8:36, Deb Lochart reported on items of interest to the SHRC and on the status of activities of the SHRC, the Office of Human Rights, and DBHDS.

**Correspondence and information** At 8:58, the SHRC reviewed correspondence and information.

**SHRC Goals** At 9:02, the SHRC discussed goals. Deb Lochart will add REACH and the SHRC Planning Retreat to the Goals Worksheet.

**LHRC Vacancies** At 9:03, the Committee reviewed the LHRC Vacancy Tracking Sheet.

**Regulatory Action** At 9:04, Deb Lochart reported on the status of the human rights regulations revision.

**BREAK** At 9:06, Timothy Russell called for a brief break.

**Regular Session**  
 Rappahannock Area Community Services Board  
 600 Jackson Street  
 Conference Room  
 Fredericksburg, Virginia  
 22401

9:15 a.m.

**Members Present** Timothy Russell, **Vice Chair**; Penny Cameron; John Barrett; Ann Bevan; Pete Daniel; Sam Dillon

**Members Excused** Vicki Cash Graff, **Chair**; T.C. Bullock; Marietta Cottingham

**Staff Present:** Ann Butz, Human Rights Advocate  
 Michael Curseen, Regional Human Rights Advocate  
 Taneika Goldman, Human Rights Advocate  
 Kli Kinzie, Executive Secretary  
 Deb Lochart, Human Rights Director  
 Cassie Purtlebaugh, Regional Human Rights Advocate  
 Karen Taylor, Assistant Attorney General

**Others** George Daniel, Interested Person  
 Erin Haw, Disability Law Center of Virginia (dLCV)

**Present via Teleconference** Dawn Adams, Director Health Services, Developmental Services, DBHDS  
 Sally Berger, Bureau Manager for Corporate Compliance, Norfolk Community Services Board  
 Reginald T. Daye, Regional Human Rights Advocate  
 Sarah Fuller, Executive Director, Norfolk Community Services Board  
 Timothy Jones, Human Rights Advocate  
 Sheila McElmurry, Consumer Relations Specialist, Norfolk Community Services Board  
 Sanita Rhodes, Virginia Center for Behavioral Rehabilitation  
 Jason Wilson, Executive Director, Virginia Center for Behavioral Rehabilitation

**Reconvene** At 9:18, Timothy Russell, Vice Chair, called the regular session to order. A call for introductions took place prior to proceeding.

**Welcome** At 9:19, Ron Branscome, Executive Director, Rappahannock Area Community Services Board, welcomed the SHRC to Fredericksburg and talked briefly about the services provided by the CSB.

**Review of Draft Minutes: June 5, 2015**

At 9:25, the SHRC reviewed the draft minutes of the June 5, 2015, SHRC meeting.

*Upon a motion by John Barrett and seconded by Pete Daniel the SHRC minutes were unanimously approved as amended.*

**VCBR Appeal Responses**

At 9:26, the SHRC acknowledged receipt of the VCBR Appeal Responses received since the last meeting.

**VCBR Variance Reports**

At 9:27 the SHRC reviewed the VCBR Monthly Variance Reports.

**VCBR Medical Audit Report**

At 9:27, the SHRC reviewed the report issued as a result of the VCBR medical audit. Jason Wilson, Executive Director, and Sanita Rhodes, VCBR, joined the meeting via teleconference.

The SHRC thanked Jason Wilson and Sanita Rhodes for their efforts to identify areas of concern. Penny Cameron asked that Beth Lee, Human Rights Advocate, communicate with the VCBR Resident Advisory Council for their comments.

**Update from Developmental Services**

At 10:02, Dawn Adams, Director of Health Services, and Dawn Traver, Director of Waiver Operations, Office of Developmental Services, provided an update on the redesign of the Waiver system and about the Department's development of the Health Supports Network.

**Appeal**

At 11:19 the SHRC heard the Appeal of the findings of the Health Planning Region V Local Human Rights Committee in the matter of R.T. versus Norfolk Community Services Board. This Appeal was conducted via video conference.

This case came before the SHRC on appeal of the decision of the Health Planning Region V Local LHRC following a fact finding hearing that took place on March 23, 2015. Timothy Jones, Human Rights Advocate, represented R.T. SHRC members present were: Timothy Russell, Vice Chair; John Barrett, Ann Bevan, Penny Cameron; Sam Dillon; and Pete Daniel. Also present were Sarah Fuller, Executive Director, Norfolk Community Services Board, Sheila McElmurry, Consumer Relations Specialist, Norfolk Community Services Board, Sally Berger, Bureau Manager for Corporate Compliance, Norfolk Community Services Board, Deb Lochart, DBHDS Human Rights Director, Kli Kinzie, Secretary, Reginald T. Daye, Regional Human Rights Advocate.

*Upon a motion by Penny Cameron the SHRC convened in closed session pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711 for the purpose of discussion and consideration of matters lawfully exempt from open meeting requirements.*

*Upon reconvening in open session, each member of the State Human Rights Committee certified that to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements,*

*and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the closed session were discussed in closed session.*

*Upon a motion by John Barrett and seconded by Penny Cameron the SHRC*

*unanimously voted to uphold the findings of the Health Planning Region V Local Human Rights Committee.*

**Variance**

At 11:51, the SHRC reviewed the Variance request from Newport News Behavioral Health Center. Timothy Jones provided technical support to the program.

Following discussion, Newport News Behavioral Health Center withdrew the Variance request.

**LHRC Membership**

At 12:31 the SHRC considered local human rights committee membership.

*Upon a motion by Penny Cameron and a second from John Barrett, the SHRC convened in closed session pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711(1) for the purpose of discussion and consideration of appointments to and removals from Local Human Rights Committees.*

Upon reconvening in open session, the State Human Rights Committee certified that to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the closed session, were discussed in closed session.

**LHRC Resignation**

At 12:31, the SHRC reviewed the following resignation: Region 1&2: Fairfax-Falls Church LHRC: Jeanette Baker.

**LHRC Removals**

At 12:32, the SHRC reviewed the following proposed removals from LHRCs:  
Western State Hospital LHRC  
Remove: Mr. Mark Schorsch

**LHRC Appointments**

At 12:33, the SHRC reviewed the following recommendations for appointment and reappointment.

**Region 1 & 2**

Fairfax-Falls Church  
Appoint: Ms. Rebecca Johnson, Rosemary Neimo Piriak  
Rappahannock Area LHRC  
Reappoint: Ms. Dianne Bachman, Ms. Kimberly Staub  
Western State Hospital  
Appoint: Ms. Teri R. Sumey

**Region 3**

New River Valley LHRC  
Reappoint: Dr. Sandra Via  
Southwest LHRC  
Reappoint: Mrs. Ada Stacy

**Region 4**

Hanover LHRC  
Appoint: Ms. Joanna Frank  
New Creation LHRC  
Reappoint: Ms. Kelly Joan Murphy  
Tuckahoe LHRC  
Appoint: Ms. Monica Lucas  
Reappoint: Mr. William Surber, Mr. John Vannoy

**Region 5**

Bay Regional LHRC  
Appoint: Ms. D'Onna Hubbard  
Genesis LHRC

Appoint: Ms. Sharon Warren  
James City Regional LHRC  
Appoint: Ms. Amanda Smith  
Middle Peninsula Northern Neck LHRC  
Appoint: Ms. Andrea L. Hickman  
Newport News Regional LHRC  
Appoint: Ms. Eunice E. McMillan  
Norfolk Regional LHRC  
Appoint: Dr. Richard Bishop, Sr.  
Reappoint: Ms. Louise Packer  
York Regional LHRC  
Reappoint: Ms. Mary Ellen Pitard

Region 6

Danville Pittsylvania Community Regional LHRC  
Appoint: Mr. Davin Estep, Ms. Morgan Gibson

*Upon a motion by Ann Bevan and seconded by Marietta Cottingham, the SHRC unanimously voted to make the above removals, appointments and reappointments.*

*The SHRC accepts the resignation of Jeanette Baker from Fairfax-Falls Church Local Human Rights Committee.*

**Adjournment**

*The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.*

The next SHRC meeting is scheduled for Friday September 11, 2015 at New River Valley Medical Center/Carilion Clinic Saint Albans on 2900 Lamb Circle Christiansburg, Virginia 24073.

Respectfully Submitted,



Timothy Russell, Vice-Chairperson  
State Human Rights Committee



Drafted By: Kli Kinzie,  
Executive Secretary