

VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS LHRC
SWMHI Learning Center - Dogwood Room
340 Bagley Circle, Marion, VA 24354
DATE (4/18/17) & TIME (12:00 PM)
APPROVED MINUTES

LIST MEMBERS PRESENT: E. Denton Staley, Chairperson; Deidra Mathena; Michelle Debord; Barbara Bartnik

LIST MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark Fendig, Secretary; Gardner Umbarger

OTHERS PRESENT: Brandon Rotenberry, Human Rights Advocate; Cynthia McClaskey, PhD; Elaine Tucker, MSW; D.S., Next Friend Authorized Representative; Susan Harrell, MSW/QDDP

CALL TO ORDER

E. Denton Staley (Chair) called the meeting to order at 12:20 PM. Introductions were made at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was motioned to be approved by Deidra Mathena seconded by Michelle Debord and unanimously approved by committee members in attendance.

ADVOCATE UPDATE

- Regional trainings on the revised human rights regulations for providers are now complete.
- DBHDS Facility Directors will be trained on 4/24/17.
- LHRC mergers in Region 3 are complete.
- Providers have until May 1st, 2017 to complete policy updates to match revised regulations.
- VA Highlands LHRC is seeking an additional member for the consumer role.
- Mark Fendig's term expires on 6/30/17 and, though unable to attend, is thanked for his time and effort on the LHRC over the years.

CLOSED (EXECUTIVE) SESSION - Upon a motion made by Deidra Mathena, the committee entered closed session at 12:30 PM pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711, a.15 and §2.2-37.05.5 for the purpose of discussion of medical record / treatment plans.

- Consent & Authorization/Next Friend Appointments – Review and make decision. The LHRC reviewed a request to appoint a Next Friend Authorized Representative (D.S.) from SWMHI and approved this appointment.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - Upon reconvening in open session at 12:46 PM, all members of the Local Human Rights Committee certified that to the best of each ones' 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.

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- Facility Updates provided by Director Cynthia McClaskey, PhD included facility census dynamics, the extraordinary barriers list and staffing dynamics. Members asked questions about state legislation and available resources in the community.
- The LHRC reviewed SWVMHI Policy 8029 *Appeal of Involuntary Commitment* and recommended an addition to *section A* that would require documentation of a staff member notifying a treatment team member about an individual's request for assistance in filing an appeal of involuntary commitment.

ANNUAL LHRC TRAINING

- LHRC Orientation
- Human Rights Regulations
- FOIA

DEPAUL COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Susan Harrell, MSW/QDDP, provided information on DePaul Community Resources in Region 3 and an overview of services provided.

CLOSED (EXECUTIVE) SESSION - Upon a motion made by Deidra Mathena, the committee entered closed session at 2:11 PM pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711, a.15 and §2.2-37.05.5 for the purpose of discussion of medical record / treatment plans.

- Individual Closed Circuit Video Monitoring at Night Only – DePaul Community Resources
The LHRC reviewed this request and accepted with the recommendation that the provider inform the individual prior to beginning the video monitoring and take into account any input from the individual.
- Individual Restriction of Cell Phone – DePaul Community Resources
The LHRC reviewed this request and accepted with the recommendation that the provider continue to support and encourage the authorized representative in pursuing guardianship.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - Upon reconvening in open session at 2:35 PM, all members of the Local Human Rights Committee certified that to the best of each ones' 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.

REVIEW OF LHRC NAME

Members present unanimously agreed to keep the name of the LHRC as Virginia Highlands LHRC.

SELECTION OF LHRC OFFICERS

- The nomination of Gardner Umbarger as Vice Chair was motioned to be approved by Michelle Debord seconded by Barbara Bartnik and unanimously approved by committee members in attendance. Dr. Umbarger will need to accept at the next scheduled meeting.
- The nomination of Barbara Bartnik as Secretary was motioned to be approved by Michelle Debord seconded by Deidra Mathena and unanimously approved by committee members in attendance. Barbara Bartnik accepted this position.
- The committee members in attendance unanimously agreed there was no reason to vote on Chairperson at this time as Mr. Staley continues to be willing to serve.

2017 MEETING SCHEDULE

The committee decided to keep a quarterly schedule, with special called meetings as needed, with meeting dates of July 18 and October 17. The location and time will remain the same.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Michelle Debord at 3:04 PM seconded by Deidra Mathena and unanimously approved by committee members in attendance.

These Minutes were transcribed by Brandon Rotenberry, MSW, Human Rights Advocate.

LHRC Chairperson

Date