

VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS LHRC
Virtual Meeting
DATE (11/17/20) & TIME (12:00 PM)
DRAFTED MINUTES

LIST MEMBERS PRESENT: Gardner Umbarger, Chairperson; Michele DeBord, LCSW; Barbara Bartnik, Secretary; Suzanne Eller; Deidra Mathena

LIST MEMBERS ABSENT: Nancy Munsey

OTHERS PRESENT: Heather Oakes, Human Rights Advocate; Brandon Rotenberry, MSW; MyKala Sauls, Human Rights Advocate; Matt Woodlee, LMFT; Cynthia McClaskey;

CALL TO ORDER

Gardner Umbarger (Chair) called meeting to order at 12:13p. Those in attendance make introductions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda, submitted by Heather Oakes, was motioned to be approved at 12:15p by Suzanne Eller, seconded by Barb Bartnik; there was one correction to the agenda of the proposed 2021 LHRC meeting dates where the date read 10/13/2021 and the corrected date is 10/12/2021.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The September 6, 2020 minutes were motioned at 12:19p to be approved by Barb Bartnik, seconded by Suzanne Eller.

ADVOCATE ANNOUNCEMENTS and UPDATES

- Region 3 OHR had a Train the Trainer training for community providers on November 7th, 2020 which was virtual. Also, OHR has an upcoming Train the Trainer training in January 2021 for community providers.
- The State Human Rights Director, Deb Lochart, will be retiring at the end of the year and Taneika Goldman has accepted the position as State Human Rights Director for OHR.
- Region 3 has a new Human Rights Advocate, MyKala Sauls, who will be working with Catawba Hospital and Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute.
- Brandon Rotenberry has accepted the position of Facility Advocate Manager where he will oversee Facility Advocates across the state.

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- Facility updates
- Updates regarding COVID-19 procedures at facility
- Update on discharges to other catchment areas with diversions
- Statewide COVID-19 update in facilities

CLOSED (EXECUTIVE) SESSION - Upon a motion made by Gardner Umbarger at 12:25, seconded by Barb Bartnik, the LHRC committee entered closed session 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.

- Review of Restrictions – Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute (Sections 50 and 100)
 - o Upon return to open session, these restrictions were unanimously accepted as presented without recommendations.
- Review of Next Friend Authorized Representative for Individual- Mount Rogers Community Services
 - o Upon return to open session, these restrictions were unanimously accepted as presented without recommendations.
- LHRC sub committee from the October 6th meeting presented items to full committee for approval. These items were motioned to be accepted by Gardner Umbarger and seconded by Barb Bartnik without recommendations.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - Upon reconvening in open session at 12:55p based on a motion from Barb Bartnik, seconded by Michelle DeBord, the 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.

The proposal of the 2021 LHRC meeting dates were motioned at 12:56p to be approved by Barb Bartnik, seconded by Suzanne Eller. The following dates were proposed and accepted for LHRC meeting dates in 2021: January 12th, March 9th, May 11th, July 13th, October 12th and December 14th.

NEXT MEETING – January 12, 2021 at 12:00p which will be a virtual meeting

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at 12:59p.

These minutes were transcribed by Heather Oakes, Human Rights Advocate.