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**State Human Rights Committee Meeting**

***Minutes***

**Thursday, January 18, 2024**

DBHDS

Region 4

Virginia Treatment Center for Children

1308 Sherwood Avenue

Conference Rm B

Richmond, VA 23220

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**Convene**

**9:00 a.m.**

**SHRC Members Present Physically** David Boehm, **Chair**; Monica Lucas, **Vice Chair**, Betty Crance, John Shepherd, David Crews,

**SHRC Members Attending Virtually** Renee Valdez

**SHRC Members Absent** Timothy Russell, Will Childers

**Staff Present Physically** Taneika Goldman, State Human Rights Director  
Delisa Turner, Executive Administrative Assistant, Office of Human Rights (OHR)  
Mary Clair O’Hara, Associate Director for Facility Operations, OHR  
Dev Nair, PhD, MPH, Assistant Commissioner, Division of Provider Management, DBHDS  
Curt Gleeson, LPC, Assistant Commissioner, Crisis Services, DBHDS

**Staff Attending  
Virtually**

Jennifer Kovack, Associate Director for Community Operations, OHR  
Alonzo Riggins, Training and Development Coordinator, OHR  
Latoya Wilborne, Human Rights Advocate Manager, Region 5  
Jennifer Anglin, Human Rights Advocate, Region 5  
Corie Reed, Human Rights Advocate, Region 5  
Miracle Reed-Thompson, Human Rights Advocate, Region 5  
Brandon Charles, Facility Operations Manager, OHR  
Riley Curran, Human Rights Advocate, Facility, OHR  
Mykala Sauls, Human Rights Advocate, Facility, OHR  
Madison Miller, Human Rights Advocate, Facility, OHR  
William "BJ" Hayes, Accounts Payable, DBHDS  
John Moore, Director of Financial Services, DBHDS  
Angela Harvell, TRS, MSHA, Deputy Commissioner, Facility Services Division, DBHDS

**Others  
Attending in  
Person**

Jamie Lovelace, MSN, RN, PMH-BC, Nursing Director, Virginia Treatment Center for Children (VTCC)  
Bob Findling, Chair of the Department of Psychiatry, VTCC  
Karis Cha, Administrative Resident, VCU Health Systems  
Ellen Derry, ACNO, VTCC  
Danielle Murphy, Regulatory Affairs Manager, VTCC  
Jeniece Roane, Vice President of Operations, VTCC  
Shanta Bland, Director Quality & PI, VCU Health Systems  
Jessica Stewart-Collins, Sr. Administrator Children's Services, VTCC

**Others  
Attending  
Virtually**

Karen A. Taylor, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Counsel to the SHRC  
Rebecca S. Herbig, Director of Litigation, disAbility Law Center of Virginia (dLCV)  
Renee Faszewski, disAbility Rights Advocate, dLCV  
Nicole Durose, disAbility Rights Advocate, dLCV  
Caitlyn Joseph, MSW Intern, dLCV  
Margo Whitesell, Social Worker Intern, dLCV  
Dr. Jonathan Anderson, Director/CEO, Western State Hospital (WSH)  
Jason Stout, Director of Psychology, WSH  
Anna Lacey-Eusse, Psychologist, WSH  
Timothy Jana, Psychiatrist, WSH

**Call to Order**

At 9:05, David Boehm, SHRC Chair, called the January 18, 2024, SHRC meeting to order and welcomed all to the meeting. A call for introductions were made.

- Approval of Agenda** At 9:09, the committee considered the agenda. Monica Lucas motioned for approval. Betty Crance 2<sup>nd</sup>. The agenda was approved, unanimously.
- Review of Draft Minutes** At 9:10, the SHRC reviewed the draft minutes of the December 14, 2023, meeting. David Crews asked that the wording of the appeal section of the minutes include the number of working days, which appeared to be cut off. Betty Crance motioned. Monica Lucas 2<sup>nd</sup>. The draft minutes were approved as final with the aforementioned change, unanimously.
- Welcome and Overview** At 9:12, Jamie Lovelace, Nursing Director, Virginia Treatment Center for Children (VTCC), welcomed and thanked the committee for choosing them to host their meeting at the VTCC. She talked about recruitment and retention efforts and the impact VTCC staff have had on children. Several other VTCC staff shared information about ways VTCC provides the most viable help for the children and their families. VTCC offers outpatient and inpatient behavioral health services to children.
- Public Comment:** At 9:50, David Boehm announced the public comment. Renee Faszewski, disAbility Rights Advocate (dLCV), gave a public comment regarding the request by Western State Variance for a variance to 12VAC35-115-105 and 12VAC35-115-110.
- Notification of Variance Request by VCBR:** At 9:52, Taneika Goldman provided notice of the upcoming variance requested by VCBR. The public comment forum on Town Hall will open for this request on 1/29/24 and close 2/28/24. The committee will vote on those variances during the April 2024 meeting.
- Tour Debrief:** At 9:53, the SHRC discussed how the tour of Virginia Treatment Center for Children (VTCC) went on January 17, 2024. The SHRC showed great appreciation to the facility workers. Giving the timing of the tour a more in-depth visual of patient and staff interactions was not able to be given. John Shepherd stated that he would've wanted to see more of that.
- Variance Review: Western State Hospital** At 10:00, The SHRC review the request for a variance by Western State Hospital to 12VAC35-115-105 and 12VAC35-115-110. Dr. Johnathan Anderson, WSH Facility Director and other staff members provided information and answered committee member questions about the purpose for the variance and the impact on the individual specifically. John Shepherd made motion to approve the variance for 3yrs with quarterly updates to the LHRC and annual updates to the SHRC. Monica 2<sup>nd</sup>. The vote was unanimous.
- BREAK* At 10:39, David Boehm called for a brief break.
- Region 2: LHRC Membership** At 10:52, a call for introductions were made. Jennifer Kovack provided the SHRC with information pertaining to the membership consolidation request. The request is due to difficulties achieving an in-person quorum and meeting cancellations. The LHRC members expressed desire to continue to

**Consolidation Request** serve. Renee Valdez motioned to transfer appointment of the NVR LHRC members to the NVH LHRC in Region 2. Monica 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Presentation: Travel Reimbursement** At 11:05, John Moore and William "BJ" Hayes gave a synopsis of the breakdown of the travel reimbursement rules and process to the committee. John Moore stated he requested an exemption to allow state volunteers serving on Boards and Committees like the SHRC, to receive the higher mileage reimbursement rate when their miles exceed 200. The request is pending.

**JLARC Report on VA Psychiatric Hospitals:** At 11:30, Angela Harvell gave an overview of the JLARC Report, and the actions being taken to address identified concerns by DBHDS operated facilities.  
At 12:00, Taneika Goldman showed appreciation to the OHR Facility Operations team.

*BREAK* At 12:05, David Boehm called for a brief break.

**Facility Operations** At 12:17, The committee reviewed standing reports and received updates from the OHR Facility Operations team.

VBCR Report At 12:18, Mary Clair O'Hara, presented the advocate's report on human rights complaints and seclusion and restraint for Virginia Center for Behavioral Rehabilitation for the month of November 2023.

Violation Letters At 12:23, Mary Clair O'Hara, Associate Director for Facility Operations, presented the summary of violation letters issued to DBHDS-operated hospitals and centers for the months of November and December 2023.

S/R & Death At 12:26, Mary Clair O'Hara, presented seclusion, restraint, and death data for DBHDS-operated hospitals and centers for the months of November and December 2023.

**LHRC Business:** At 12:45, the SHRC considered LHRC business.

**LHRC Membership:** David Crews made a motion to approve the Rappahannock-Rapidan LHRC membership as recommended. John Shepherd 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed, unanimously.  
David Crews made motion to approve the Southeastern Regional LHRC membership as recommended. Monica 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed, unanimously.

Region 1  
*Rappahannock- Rapidan LHRC*  
Deanna Rennon

Region 5  
*Southeastern Regional LHRC*  
Charmaine Claiborne

Emily Bebbe  
Shawn Henry

**Subcommittees:** At 12:50, the SHRC considered reports from the subcommittees

Rights – Resources Subcommittees At 12:51, The Rights-Resources Subcommittee met with Alonzo Riggins, OHR Training & Development Coordinator to strategize more ways to show individuals that the Office of Human Rights is there for them.

**Update: DBHDS Crisis Services Initiatives** At 1:05, Dev Nair and Curt Gleeson provided an overview of the Crisis Service Initiatives to the committee. Curt spoke about individuals in crisis being matched with the appropriate level of care. Followed by Dev mentioning the changes to existing regulations and relevant legislation going through the General Assembly.

At 2:08, the SHRC reverted back to the subcommittee reports.

Workplan Subcommittees David Crews spoke about the troubles of Medicaid transportation and would like to hear from Department of Medical Assistance Service (DMAS) representatives regarding the transportation services.

Policy Subcommittees The Policy Subcommittee had nothing to report.

Officer Subcommittee The Officer Subcommittee had nothing to report.

Membership Subcommittee The Membership Subcommittee had nothing to report.

**Other** Tanieka Goldman informed the committee that the next SHRC meeting will be at the Commonwealth Center for Children and Adolescents and the plan is to orchestrate a meet and greet with the Facility Director on the evening before the meeting.

**Adjournment** At 2:22, the January 18, 2024, SHRC Meeting was adjourned.

**Next Meeting**

March 7, 2024

Commonwealth Center for Children and Adolescents - Staunton