

NORTHWESTERN AREA LHRC

Final Minutes

February 7th, 2024

10:00 AM

209 W. Criser Rd #300, Front Royal, VA 22630

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kevin LeVan

Chris Taylor

Lisa Parlett

Linda Stasiak (Virtually due to illness)

Emma Stasiak (Virtually due to illness)

Cathy Wolfe

Katie Anderson

Members Absent

Stacey Umbenour

James Rankin

OTHERS PRESENT

Heather Hilleary – Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS Region #1

Artea Ambrose – Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS Region #1

Eli Trantham-Senior Program Manager, Wall Residences

Denny Henderson-Sponsored Residential Provider, Wall Residences

Shayla Branch-Proposed Next Friend

MH-Individual

Heather Strubhar-Regional Program Manager, Wall Residences

Sophia Jones-Wall Residences

Melody Walker-Wall Residences

Nikki Reid-Grafton Integrated Health Network

Janelle Hyson-Grafton Integrated Health Network

CALL TO ORDER

Kevin LeVan called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM.

ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE

Those in attendance made introductions. Chair welcomed attendees.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Motion to approve the changes to the agenda (removal of Horizon Next Friend Request) was made by Kevin LeVan and seconded by Cathy Wolfe. The committee approved the agenda by unanimous vote of 7-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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- Minutes were motioned to be approved by Cathy Wolfe and seconded by Chris Taylor. The committee approved the minutes by unanimous vote of 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- Welcome New Committee Member-James Rankin (will acknowledge again at next meeting when member will be present)
- Next Friend Request- Wall Residences
- Restriction Review (2)-Wall Residences
- Restriction Review (2)-Grafton

CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion made by Kevin LeVan and seconded by Cathy Wolfe, the 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 Next Friend Request.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Kevin LeVan and seconded by Cathy Wolfe to return to open session.

Upon reconvening in open session, each member certified that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only private business matters, lawfully exempted from statutory open session requirements and identified in the motion by which the closed session was convened, were considered in the closed session,

- Motion made by Kevin LeVan and seconded by Cathy Wolfe to approve Next Friend Request. The committee approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0.
- Motion made by Kevin LeVan and seconded by Linda Stasiak to approve restriction review #1. The committee approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0.
- Motion made by Kevin LeVan and seconded by Cathy Wolfe to approve restriction review #2. The committee approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0.
- Motion made by Kevin LeVan and seconded by Chris Taylor to approve restriction review #3. The committee approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0.
- Motion made by Kevin LeVan and seconded by Cathy Wolfe to approve restriction review #4. The committee approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADVOCATE REPORT AND TRAINING

Advocate Comments, Region 1, 4th Quarter

• Quarterly Complaint Statistics

For the quarter ending 12/31/2023 in Region 1:

- 20 Complaints involving allegations of ANE (CSB)
- 155 Complaints involving allegations of ANE (Providers)
- 9 Complaints not involving allegations of ANE (CSB)
- 7 Complaints not involving allegations of ANE (Providers)

This is a decrease of 38 total complaints from Q3 to Q4. Of Q4's 191 total complaints, 33 allegations involving ANE were substantiated. This is a percentage of 17.3% substantiated cases, which is a decrease of about 3% between Q3 and Q4.

• Summary of current Variances for R1

There are no current variances for community-based providers in Region 1.

• Updates

We are always recruiting LHRC members to join LHRCs in Region 1!

Please contact Cassie Purtlebaugh via email at cassie.purtlebaugh@dbhds.virginia.gov if you are interested in becoming a member of one of these committees.

The OHR has hired the new Training and Development Coordinator: Alonzo Riggins has joined our team and we welcome him to DBHDS!

The OHR has hired Diana Atcha as the new Region 2 Manager! Welcome, Diana!

• Upcoming Events

2024-Community-Provider-Training-Schedule has been posted. Please visit our website [here](#) to check out upcoming training opportunities:

Upcoming 2024 SHRC Meetings

The full SHRC meeting schedule can be found [here](#).

The SHRC is required to meet at least 8 times a year. Unless special circumstances apply, administrative sessions normally convene at 8:30am. Regular sessions normally convene at 9:00am and run until all agenda items are addressed. Portions of meetings are held in closed session. Appeals are normally scheduled for late morning.

Upcoming LHRC Trainings

New LHRC members will receive notice in their appointment letters regarding attending Orientation and viewing the other training materials (Overview HRR, LHRC Forms, Fact Finding Hearings, FOIA). Training opportunities will be announced in your orientation packets.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

Next meeting will be on May 8th 2024 at 10:00 am at 209 West Criser Rd. #300, Front Royal, VA.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion made by Kevin LeVan and seconded by Katie Anderson to adjourn the meeting. The committee approved by unanimous vote of 7-0.

Hearing no other business items, Kevin LeVan adjourned the meeting at 10:43 AM.

Minutes were transcribed by, Heather Hilleary, Human Rights Advocate.