

**TRI-CITY LHRC**  
Approved Minutes  
February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
6:00PM  
Central State Hospital  
26317 W Washington St, Petersburg, VA 23803

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Danielle Hunt – Chairperson  
Laurel Borrel – Member  
Chanel Morgan – Member  
Deborah Buford – Member

**Members Absent**

Brandie French – Member

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Tony Davis – Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS  
Jennifer Barker – Director of Patient Relations, Central State Hospital  
Linda Cox – Social Work Director, Piedmont Geriatric Hospital  
Patricia Ahearn – Proposed Next Friend  
Dominique Watson – Community Member

**CALL TO ORDER**

Danielle Hunt called meeting to order at 6:20PM

**ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE**

Those in attendance make introductions. Chair welcomes attendees.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Laurel Borrel motioned for the agenda to be approved and Deborah Buford seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by all committee members present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Deborah Buford motioned for the minutes to be approved and Chanel Morgan seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by all committee members present.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**ADVOCATE REPORT AND TRAINING**

Tony Davis provided the advocate report including statistics, news, and training opportunities. Please see attached.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Next Friend Request- Piedmont Geriatric Hospital

Tony Davis presented the VCBR variance review on behalf of Jason Wilson, Facility Director.

Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations at Central State Hospital, provided a quarterly update on the four human right variances in place including current complaints and appeals. Danielle Hunt, Chairperson, acknowledged receipt on behalf of the LHRC.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Upon a motion made by Deborah Buford and seconded by Chanel Morgan, 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 a PGH Next Friend as A.R. request.

## **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, namely, to review an Individual's restrictive plan.

Chanel Morgan motioned and seconded by Laurel Borrel that VCBR's variance review was in compliance with the Human Rights Regulations. The motion was unanimously approved by all members in attendance.

Laurel Borrel motioned and seconded by Chanel Morgan that Piedmont Geriatric Hospital's Next Friend request, is in compliance with the Human Rights Regulations. The motion was unanimously approved by all members in attendance.

## **MEETING ADJOURNED**

Hearing no additional business Danielle Hunt adjourned at 7:11 PM. The next meeting date is 5/16/24 @ 6PM.

# Advocate Report, State Facilities

## Quarterly ANE and complaint statistics

For the calendar quarter ending 12/31/2024:

Facility	Abuse Cases*	Complaint Cases*
WSH	6 (1)	6
CCCA	9 (4)	3
NVMHI	24 (3)	27 (2)
SWVMHI	4	22 (1)
Catawba	2	0
SVMHI	7 (2)	14 (2)
CSH	32 (5)	15
HDMC	3	2
PGH	8	4
VCBR	6	33 (19)
ESH	14 (2)	74 (2)
SEVTC	4 (2)	0

\*Cases in parentheses are substantiated.

*Similar community information may be located by reviewing minutes from Local Human Rights Committees in your area via the Commonwealth Calendar: <https://commonwealthcalendar.virginia.gov/>*

## Summary of current Variances for Facilities

- Central State Hospital has 4 variances all of which expire in 2025. There are no new variances pending.
- Western State Hospital has 1 variance which expires this year and is unlikely to be renewed and one variance recently renewed that expires in 2027. There are no new variances currently pending.
- Virginia Center for Behavioral Rehabilitation has 2 variances which will expire in 2024. One variance is being heard by the LHRC today while the other will not be renewed. There are no new variances currently pending.

## DBHDS Updates

- As of November 13, 2023, the OHR Regional Advocate Manager for Region 2 is Diana Atcha. Diana started her service with DBHDS/OHR as a Community Advocate. Her previous supervisory experience along with her growing knowledge of community-based providers and services specifically in R2 make her the ideal team member for this role.
- Effective December 11, 2023, Mr. Alonzo Riggins joined the OHR team as the Training & Development Coordinator. Alonzo comes with extensive history and knowledge in completing, monitoring, and ensuring compliance with numerous regulatory entities and requirements; and

leading education encompassing a multitude of topics including clinical, administrative, regulatory, and advocacy for individuals.

- OHR developed a training for State Operated Facilities to use during their New Employee Orientations to train new staff on Human Rights. This is has been rolled out starting this month. A annual refresher training is in development soon.
- Please note that the OHR web page is the greatest resource to access to identify the most appropriate OHR team member(s) you need to contact. The OHR Regional Contact Map, along with the Human Rights Staff Contacts list can be accessed in the Contact Information section of the OHR web page.

### **Trainings for Providers & Facilities**

- Information concerning how and when the OHR will resume quarterly provider training and any future training initiatives will be posted to the OHR webpage including LHRC trainings. We will also let you know of LHRC training opportunities.

### **SHRC Meetings**

Next meeting: March 7, 2024

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. Feel free to join any meeting to observe the open portions. Contact [brandon.charles@dbhds.virginia.gov](mailto:brandon.charles@dbhds.virginia.gov) to advise him you will be joining as an LHRC member observing the open meeting. You can join in-person or virtually. For a full schedule, please visit our website.

### **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) sessions.

If you are a new member, as of October, 2022, and have not received Orientation, please notify [brandon.charles@dbhds.virginia.gov](mailto:brandon.charles@dbhds.virginia.gov).

More trainings will be announced in 2024.

### **LHRC Recruitment**

We are currently recruiting for Local Human Rights Committees assigned to the Facility Operations Team:

Staunton Area LHRC – Meets quarterly in Staunton at Western State Hospital.

Tri-City LHRC – Meets quarterly in Petersburg at Central State Hospital.

Williamsburg Regional LHRC – Meets quarterly in Williamsburg at Eastern State Hospital.

**Please contact Brandon Charles, MSW, Facility Operations Manager at [brandon.charles@dbhds.virginia.gov](mailto:brandon.charles@dbhds.virginia.gov) for more information or an application.**