

## **CHARLOTTESVILLE AREA LHRC**

Approved Minutes

April 9, 2026

10:30am

500 Old Lynchburg Road Charlottesville, VA

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Sarah Anderson–Chairperson

Tricia Suszynski-Vice Chairperson

Larry Ragland – Member

Joey Warren -Member

Candy Keith – Member

### **Members Absent**

Margaret Harvey– Member

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Artea Ambrose – Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS Region #1

Heather Hilleary- Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS Region #1

Cassie Purtleburgh- Regional Advocate Manager, DBHDS Region #1

Rebecca Ledingham-Wall Residences

Demita Taylor-Wall Residences

Anthony Barnes-Wall Residences

Dawn Anderson-Wall Residences

Ayiloye Atolagbe-Horizon Behavioral Health (for the purpose of Wall Residences Restriction Review)

Melanie Wingfield-Valley CSB

Angel Cooper-Valley CSB

Airiana Campbell-Valley CSB

Tena M. Bibb-Sentara RMH

Cecilia Rose-enCircle

Sam Bowman-AccessStar

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Sarah Anderson called the meeting to order at 10:38 am.

### **ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE**

Those in attendance made introductions. Chair welcomes attendees.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Sarah Anderson made a motion to move EnCircle Next Friend request from last order under New Business to the first order under New Business and approval of rest of agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Joey Warren. The motion was unanimously approved by all committee members present.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Sarah Anderson moved for the January 2026 draft minutes to be approved. The motion was seconded by Larry Ragland. The motion was unanimously approved by all committee members present.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

## **CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

This is Larry Ragland's last meeting. The CALHRC thanks you for your service and time. Larry Ragland will be missed.

## **Advocate Report and Training**

### **FY2026 Q2 Advocate Comments**

| <b>ANE Complaints CSB/Providers</b>                |                                                                                       |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Q1 (FY2026)<br/>July 1 – September 30, 2025</b> | <b>Q2 (FY2026)<br/>October 1 – December 31, 2025</b>                                  |
| 263                                                | 258 (decrease of 5 reports for the quarter)                                           |
| Substantiated = $83/263 = 31.6\%$                  | Substantiated: $75/258 = 29\%$ (decrease of 2%)                                       |
| <b>Non-ANE Complaints CSB/Providers</b>            |                                                                                       |
| <b>Q1 (FY2026)<br/>July 1 – September 30, 2025</b> | <b>Q2 (FY2026)<br/>July 1 – September 30, 2025</b>                                    |
| 55                                                 | 33 (decrease of 22 reports)                                                           |
| Substantiated = $9/55 = 16.4\%$                    | Substantiated = $6/33 = 18\%$ (increase of approximately 1.5% rate of substantiation) |

## **Variances**

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

## **Updates**

- **Check out our recruitment efforts for LHRCs and SHRCs here:**
  - To apply for the **LHRC**, please complete the application here: [LHRC Appointment Application 4.9.24](#)
  - To apply for the **SHRC**, please complete the application here: [SHRC Appointment Application 4.9.24](#)

## **Upcoming Events**

2026 training opportunities have been posted on the OHR page on the DBHDS website for the first quarter (January – March). ***Please ensure all investigators assigned to***

***complaints involving allegations of abuse, neglect, or exploitation (ANE) have received training in investigations, as evidence of this training is required and must be documented by OHR in each ANE report.***

[Resources for Licensed Providers - Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services \(DBHDS\)](#)

### **Upcoming 2026 LHRC and SHRC Meetings**

Dates are subject to change based on weather conditions, availability of an in-person quorum of committee members and appropriate and accessible meeting locations.

Anyone may view and listen to open portions of any a Local or State Human Rights Committee meeting via the Microsoft Teams Webinar link for each specific meeting. This information is available on the [Commonwealth Calendar – Home \(virginia.gov\)](#) You can use the following steps to search for LHRC and SHRC meeting information on the Commonwealth Calendar:

- *Select the date range for a meeting you are interested in.*
- *Select the Category for an “Open Meeting”*
- *Select the Sponsor as “Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, Department of”*
- *Enter a specific name of an LHRC, or simply “LHRC” or “SHRC” as a Keyword to assist in your search.*

Any changes to the LHRC meeting schedule will be reflected on the Commonwealth Calendar and parties are encouraged to look at the meeting information on the Commonwealth Calendar prior to planning their attendance

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Encircle-Next Friend (unable to present as individual and proposed next friend was not present/available)
- Valley CSB- Restriction Review (1)
- Wall Residences-Restriction Review (1)
- Sentara RMH-Restriction Review (1)
- AccessStar-Restriction Review (1)

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Upon a motion made by Sarah Anderson and seconded by Larry Ragland, the committee entered closed session pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711a.15 and §2.2-37.05.5 for the purpose of discussion not related to public business.

Based on individual and proposed next friend for Next Friend request (Encircle) not present or available for the meeting. It was recommended that provider present to next

available LHRC meeting which will be held on May 13, 2026, by the Northwestern Area LHRC.

Based on discussion of the need for the restrictive plan, it was recommended to approve the continuation of the Restriction (locked food storage area) for JA.

Based on discussion of the need for the restrictive plan, it was recommended to approve the previous restriction that was implemented (restrictive use of tablet) for MT. Provider has since implemented new restrictions that will be reviewed at the next LHRC meeting held on May 13, 2026, by the Northwestern Area LHRC.

Based on discussion of the need for the restrictive plan, it was recommended to approve the restriction that was implemented during service provision (observation area/visitations/telephone) for AM.

Based on discussion of the need for the restrictive plan, it was recommended to approve the continuation of the restriction (seatbelt lock) for GF with the recommendation that the provider develop and implement an emergency protocol specific to individual's restriction (seatbelt lock) which should also be reviewed by the Office of Human Rights.

### **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

A motion was made by Sarah Anderson and seconded by Joey Warren 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.

- Sarah Anderson moved to approve Valley CSB restriction plan for JA. The motion was seconded by Larry Ragland. Unanimously approved by all members present.
- Sarah Anderson moved to approve Wall Residences restriction plan for MT. Joey Warren abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest. The motion was seconded by Tricia Suszynski. Unanimously approved by all members present.
- Sarah Anderson moved to approve the Sentara RMH restriction plan for AM. The motion was seconded by Joey Warren. Unanimously approved by all members present.
- Sarah Anderson moved to approve the AccessStar restriction plan for GF with the recommendation that the provider develop and implement an emergency protocol specific to the individual's restriction (seatbelt lock) which should also be reviewed by the Office of Human Rights.

### **MEETING ADJOURNED**

The next scheduled LHRC meeting is Thursday, July 9, 2026, at 10:30am at Region Ten CSB – 500 Old Lynchburg Rd, Charlottesville, VA.

Hearing no other business items, Sarah Anderson moved to adjourn and was seconded by Larry Ragland. Sarah Anderson adjourned the meeting at 12:07 pm.