

Northwestern LHRC  
1220 Bank Street, Richmond, Virginia (meeting via Zoom for Healthcare)  
February 10, 2021 at 10 am  
Minutes

LIST MEMBERS PRESENT: Katie Anderson, Vanessa Santiago, Stacey Umbenour, Emma Stasiak, Linda Stasiak, Carol Morgan, Renee Waymire

LIST MEMBERS ABSENT: Kevin LeVan, Chris Taylor

CALL TO ORDER

Katie Anderson called meeting to order at 10:07 am. Welcome committee members.

MINUTES

November 2020 minutes were motioned to be approved by Stacey Umbenour and seconded by Vanessa Santiago. The committee approved the minutes by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADVOCATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Transition to Facility Advocate Manager has been finalized. Brandon Rotenberry has assumed the position full-time, which includes advocate supervision for all state facilities (WSH/CCCA applicable to Region 1). Artea Ambrose and Cassie Purtlebaugh will continue to support the LHRC transition to Maynard and Brandon over the next few months for the Staunton Area LHRC.
- The process for Fit Testing has been initiated for all Office of Human Rights (OHR) staff. New Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) has been ordered to assure advocate safety when interacting with individuals. All advocates attended required training specific to the use of PPE and localized fit testing is expected in the 1st quarter of 2021.
- Incident Management Unit (IMU) is now in Region 1 - this is an Office of Licensing (OL) unit with which the Office of Human (OHR) is working collaboratively. This unit flags cases based on patterns and specific types of incidents - for example, if an individual has 3 Serious Incident Reports in a 30 day period, the case is flagged for review by both OHR and OL. This helps to ensure that we see potential patterns of Abuse/Neglect and respond as needed to assure safety for individuals receiving services.
- Regional Advocate has started FY2020 Look Behind process which will occur throughout 2021. All FY2019 Look Behinds and Inter-Rater reviews were completed by December, 2020. 1st round Look Behinds for Q1 have been completed.

AGENDA ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS:

- CLOSED SESSION - Upon a motion made by Linda Stasiak and seconded by Stacey Umbenour, 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 business not subject to public business.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - Upon reconvening into open session, all 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. Certified by all members present.

Motion made by Stacey Umbenour and seconded by Linda Stasiak to approve the following as presented during closed session:

- Good Life-2 Restriction Plans
  - GLC#1-No Recommendations
  - GLC#2-The following recommendations were made: Other residents without restrictions will be offered key(s) to access locked cabinets.
- Valley Community Services Board-2 Restriction Plans
  - VCSB 1- Restriction was medical in nature and not under the purview of the LHRC.
  - VCSB 2-The following recommendations were made: Provider should consider to offer time for the individual to play with toys in the middle of the day and have individual put them back as part of criteria for removal of the restriction.
- Western State Hospital-1 Restriction Plan
  - WSH 1-No Recommendations

HEARING SCHEDULED-Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 10am-12:30pm

NEXT MEETING – May 12, 2021 at 10 am at 209 W Criser Rd, #300, Front Royal, Virginia.

MEETING ADJOURNED – Motion made to adjourn by Katie Anderson seconded by Stacey Umbenour.

Meeting adjourned at 11:41 am.

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