

Southeast Alliance Local Human Rights Committee
300 Medical Dr.
Hampton, VA 23666
01/15/2019 at 3:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Charles Ponquinette
Candi Rhodes
Stephanie Nesbitt, LPN

Members Absent

Sebrina Edwards, Chairperson

OTHERS PRESENT

Reginald Daye- Regional Advocate, DBHDS- Region 5
Latoya Wilborne- Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS- Region 5
Courtney Myles- LHRC Support Liaison, DBHDS- Region 5
Roberta Plessinger- DD Day Support Program Mgr., Hampton-Newport News CSB (HNN-CSB)
Karen Matthews- Compliance and Standards Mgr., Hampton-Newport News CSB (HNN-CSB)
Carey Chappell- Director Quality Improvement (QI), Newport News Behavioral Health Center
Precious Etheridge – LHRC Interviewee

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Charles Ponquinette called meeting to order at 3:04 PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The January 15, 2019 agenda was motioned to be accepted as amended by Ms. Candi Rhodes, seconded by Ms. Stephanie Nesbitt and unanimously approved by the committee members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Ponquinette called for a review and approval of the Minutes from the previous meeting. **The approval of the October 16, 2018 minutes was motioned to be accepted by Ms. Rhodes, seconded by Ms. Nesbitt and unanimously approved by the committee members.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADVOCATE REPORT/REGIONAL ADVOCATE ANNOUNCEMENT:

Mr. Daye made the announcements:

- 2 new Advocates for OHR
 - Latoya Wilborne will be the Advocate for the SEVTC-LHRC and Virginia Beach Area LHRC's.
 - Carlton Henderson will be the Advocate for SEA and Suffolk Regional LHRC's
- The regional human rights training covering restrictive plans and the fast track human rights regulation amendment took place on December 5, 2018 at Eastern State Hospital.
- Provider 'Look Behind' audits are taking place.
- The LHRC will be interviewing a candidate to join the committee.
 - If appointed, SEA LHRC will have a full committee.

Old Business:

Variances Update

- Newport News Behavioral Health Center-Carey Chappell, Director Quality Improvement (QI), presented an overview of its State Human Rights Committee (SHRC) approved variance to the LHRC members. The quarterly update is a requirement imposed by the SHRC when the variance was approved.

- Telephone and visitation restriction

-Both restrictions are active upon admission

-No complaints for the fourth quarter.

-The program's variance is up for renewal in October 2020.

*Variance to allow NNBHC Level System:

Restricts on freedom of everyday life:

- Staff found managing points to be overly complicated and needed to be simplified.
- No complaints
- Will provide update on effectiveness of the noted changes at the next meeting.

New Business:

None

CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Ms. Rhodes, seconded by Ms. Nesbitt and unanimously approved by the committee members at 3:30 PM that the SEA- LHRC go into closed session pursuant to VA Code 2.2-3711(A), for the purposes of protecting the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business, namely for the purpose of reviewing a behavioral plan involving the use of restraints for an individual of Hampton-Newport News CSB.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The committee reconvened in open session at 3:33 PM by unanimous vote on a motion by Ms. Rhodes, seconded by Ms. Nesbitt. 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.

Recommendation: Motion made by Ms. Rhodes, seconded by Ms. Nesbitt and unanimously approved by the committee members as follows:

- Approve continuation of the Behavioral Plan for "J" with quarterly updates.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Ms. Rhodes, seconded by Ms. Nesbitt and unanimously approved by the committee members at 3:35 PM that the SEA- LHRC will go into closed session pursuant to VA Code 2.2-3711(A), for the purposes of protecting the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business, namely for the purpose of interviewing a candidate for membership on the SEA LHRC.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The committee reconvened in open session at 3:51 PM by unanimous vote on a motion by Ms. Rhodes, seconded by Ms. Nesbitt.

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 interview a candidate for membership on the SEA LHRC.

Recommendation: **Motion made by, Ms. Nesbitt seconded by Ms. Rhodes and unanimously approved by the committee members as follows:**

- Recommend to the SHRC the appointment of P.E. for membership on the SEA LHRC

TRAINING

Overview of LHRC member's role as a committee and Robert's Rules of Order provided by Mr. Reginald Daye, Regional Advocate.

MEETING ADJOURNED

A motion made to adjourn the meeting by **Ms. Nesbitt** and seconded by Ms. Rhodes at 4:23 PM with the unanimous approval of the committee members.

NEXT MEETING DATE: April 16, 2019 at 3:00 PM (HNNCSB- 300 Medical Drive; Hampton, VA)