

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Approved Minutes

Wednesday March 20, 2024

9:30 am

The James Barry Robinson Institute

443 Kempsville Road, Norfolk, VA 23502

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Advocate Contact: Corie M. Reed (804.454.5064)

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Douglass - Acting Chair;

Patricia Albritton - Acting Co- Chair

Sandy Montez-Gerhardt - Member

Stacy Johnson – Secretary

Shawn Henry - Member

Members Absent:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Corie Reed – Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS Region 5

Jennifer Anglin – Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS Region 5

Melanie Joyner- Holiday House; via Teams

Julie Delk - Barry Robinson Center

Latoya Wilborne – Human Rights Regional Manager, R5 – TWELVE37, INC.

Mike Hodge – TWELVE37, INC

Brittney Jerrells – Ward – Next Friend

Cheral Ward Dixon – Total Care

Takara Alston- via Teams

Call to Order:

Mr. Douglass called the meeting to order at 9:36 am

ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE:

Those in attendance make introductions. Chair welcomes attendees.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mrs. Albritton and seconded by Mrs. Gerhardt

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve December 13, 2023 minutes was made by Mrs. Johnson and second by Mrs. Gerhardt. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

None

Chairperson Announcements:

None

Regional Advocate Report:

Regional Manager made the announcements:

- Training and Development Coordinator has started with the office and virtual trainings have begun.
- Encouraged providers to attend Trained Investigator Training that is currently being offered.
- Welcome New Member to the LHRC

Old Business:**Holiday House of Portsmouth – Variance Update**

Ms. Melanie Joyner presented the quarterly variance update:

- ICF children's residential facility for ages 5-21
- Visitation variance is active upon admission
- No complaints, violations or grievances

The James Barry Robinson Institute – Variance Update

Mrs. Julie Delk presented the quarterly variance update:

- Telephone and visitation restrictions
- Program provides for children starting at age 6.
- At the time of admission, an approved list of contacts is created with the input from the client, clinician and the AR or legal guardian.
- No Complaints, violations or grievances

New Business:

- a. LHRC Member Interview for Appointment
- b. Next of Friend
- c. Restriction Request

Closed Session:

Motion was made by Ms. Johnson at 9:40am, seconded by Mrs. Gerhardt and approved for the Southeastern Regional LHRC to go into closed session pursuant to VA code 2.2-3711 (A), for the purpose of discussing confidential information lawfully exempt from public disclosure, to discuss of a Restriction from Everyday Freedoms with the use of restrictive equipment and interviews of potential LHRC and next of friend request.

Open Session:

Upon reconvening in open session at 10:53 am, each member certified that, to the best of each members knowledge, only private business matters, lawfully exempted from statutory open sessions requirements and identified in the motion by which the closed session was convened, were considered in the closed session.

Recommendations:

Motion was made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Mrs. Albritton and unanimously approved by the committee to:

- Approved the Next of Friend Request

- To recommend the appointment of T. A. as Family Member/Individual for membership to the Southeaster Alliance LHRC to the State Human Rights Committee
- To recommend that M. Hodge represent specific restrictive equipment to be used and purpose. M. Hodge provide an update regarding the individual recent PCP appointment and medical order and present alternative less restrictive measures to protect individual from unsafe use of water. A recall of this request to be completed within 30 days.
- LHRC members requested additional clarity from M. Hodge regarding the Individual's level of care and history. These questions will be sent to M. Hodge via email and upon receipt of response, answers will be forward to each member.

Meeting Adjourned:

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 9:30. The location will be at The James Barry Robinson Institute - 443 Kempsville Road, Norfolk, VA 23502.

Hearing no business, Mr. Douglass adjourned the meeting at 11:00am.