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## Minutes

Thursday, May 18, 2023

DBHDS

## Region 2

Merrifield Center

8221 Willow Oaks Corporate Drive

Executive Leadership Room, #3-314

Fairfax, Virginia 22031

## Zoom for Government

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## Convene

**9:00 a.m.**

**SHRC Members** Julie C. Allen, **Chair**; Will Childers; Monica Lucas  
**Present Physically**

**SHRC Members** David Crews, David Boehm, **Vice-Chair;**  
**Present Virtually**

<b>Staff Present</b>	Taneika Goldman, State Human Rights Director
<b>Physically</b>	Mary Clair O'Hara, Associate Director for Facility Operations
	Ann Pascoe, Regional Advocate Manager
	Nadya Said, Human Rights Advocate

<b>Staff Attending Virtually</b>	Karen A. Taylor, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Counsel to the SHRC Brandon Charles, Facility Operations Manager Jennifer Kovack, Associate Director, Community Operations Carlton Henderson, Training & Development Coordinator Franclynn Smith, Admin Assistant for Community Operations
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<b>Other DBHDS Staff Present Physically</b>	Sara Thompson, Community Resource Consultant Lead
<b>Others Attending in Person</b>	Renee Valdez, Region 2 LHRC Vice-Chair John Shepherd, Region 1 LHRC Chair Steven Hornstein, citizen Michael Hill, citizen Corey Thornton, Fairfax Community Services Board
<b>Others Attending Virtually</b>	Ren Faszewski, Disability Rights Advocate, dLCV
<b>Call to Order</b>	At 9:14, Julie C. Allen, SHRC Chair, called the May 18, 2023, SHRC meeting to order and welcomed all to the meeting. Julie Allen informed participants that there will be no voting today due to a lack of in-person quorum; however, business will be reviewed, discussion will occur and decisions (voting) is deferred to the next meeting.  A call for introductions took place prior to proceeding.
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	At 9:15, the committee considered the agenda.
<b>Review of Draft Minutes</b>	At 9:15, the SHRC reviewed the draft minutes of the March 2, 2023, meeting.
<b>Overview</b>	At 9:19, Julie Allen introduced Cory Thornton, Emergency Services Manager with Fairfax CSB. He provided a brief history of Emergency Services and talked about the programs and populations served by the CSB.
<b>Public Comment</b>	At 9:38, Julie Allen announced the public comment period.  <i>No public comments were offered.</i>
<b>Variance Request:</b>	At 9:39, Taneika Goldman notified the SHRC of upcoming variance requests for The Barry Robinson Center, Newport News Behavioral Health Center, and Holiday House of Portsmouth. The programs are re-applying for variances that will expire in September 2023. The variance applications will be reviewed at later meeting, following the required posting to the Register.
<b>BREAK</b>	At 9:40, there was a call for a brief break.
<b>Presentation:</b>	At 9:53, Sara Thompson, Community Resource Consultant Lead, DBHDS, presented a PowerPoint presentation on "Supported Decision-Making".
<b>BREAK</b>	At 10:55, Julie Allen called for a brief break.

<b>Variance Follow-up:</b>	At 11:05, Julie Allen summarized previous discussion of variance requests presented at the April 13, 2023, meeting. Letters written to DBHDS Commissioner Smith by Monica Lucas and Timothy Russell were reviewed, as well as the outcome of the conversation about the letters/variance requests between Commissioner Smith and the SHRD, Taneika Goldman.  <i>At 11:28, Will Childers recognize and thanked Monica Lucas and Timothy Russell for the writing the letters to Commissioner Smith regarding the variances.</i>
<b>Tour Debrief:</b>	At 11:29, SHRC Members shared their thoughts and impressions of the tour of Merrifield Center.
<b>BREAK</b>	At 11:39 there was a call for a brief break.
<b>Facility Operations</b>	At 11:50, the committee received updates on OHR Facility Operations.
Violation Letters	At 11:50, Brandon Charles, Facility Operations Manager, presented the summary of violation letters.
VBCR Reports	At 11:52, on behalf of Tony Davis, Brandon Charles presented the advocate's report on human rights complaints and seclusion and restraint for Virginia Center for Behavioral Rehabilitation.
S/R & Death	At 11:58, Mary Clair O'Hara, Associate Director for Facility Operations, presented seclusion, restraint, and death data.
<b>LHRC Business</b>	At 12:15, the SHRC considered LHRC business.
LHRC Liaison Reports	There was no liaison reported submitted.
<b>LHRC Membership</b>	At 12:15, Taneika Goldman commended the consistent and competent work of Hollie Carlisle and Region 3 staff and volunteers resulting in the regeneration of the Roanoke-Catawba LHRC.
<b>Subcommittees</b>	At 12:16, Julie Allen called for subcommittee reports.
Membership Subcommittee	The Membership Committee has nothing to report currently.
Officer Subcommittee	At 12:17, Taneika Goldman informed that Will Childers is up for reappointment and the order of business will be tabled for a later meeting.
Bylaws Subcommittee	The Bylaws Subcommittee has nothing to report currently.
Policy Subcommittee	The Policy Subcommittee has nothing to report currently.

Workplan Subcommittee	At 12:20, David Crews suggested following up with social services about reports received by them, to establish some clarification on their obligation and time frames in responding to violations and complaints. David also suggested making an opportunity to formally recognize LHRCs during a meeting.
Other	At 12:24 Julie Allen called for a break and informed that immediately upon return, the Committee would go into closed session to conduct SHRC member-applicant interviews.
Adjournment	At 2:24, the May 18, 2023, SHRC Meeting was adjourned.

**Next Meeting**

June 22, 2023

Western Tidewater CSB

Suffolk

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