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Meeting ID: 160 936 8778

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Convene

9:00 a.m.

SHRC Members Present Julie C. Allen, **Chair**; Monica Lucas, David Crews, David Boehm, **Vice-Chair**; Betty Crance
Physically

SHRC Members Present Timothy Russell, Will Childers
Virtually

Staff Present Physically Taneika Goldman, State Human Rights Director
Mary Clair O'Hara, Associate Director for Facility Operations
Delisa Turner, Executive Administrative Assistant

Staff Attending Virtually Karen A. Taylor, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Counsel to the SHRC
Brandon Charles, Facility Operations Manager
Franclynn Smith, Admin Assistant for Community Operations

Other DBHDS Staff Present Physically	Mary J. McQuown, Recovery Services Workforce Development Coordinator, Office of Recovery Services
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Others Attending in Person	Brandon Rogers, Director, Business Development/Crisis Services, Western Tidewater CSB Amy Byrne, Director, Compliance and Quality Management, Western Tidewater CSB
Others Attending Virtually	Rebecca Herbig, Disability Rights Advocate, disAbility Law Center of Virginia (dLCV) Ren Faszewski, Disability Rights Advocate, dLCV
Call to Order	At 9:02, Julie C. Allen, SHRC Chair, called the June 22, 2023, SHRC meeting to order and welcomed all to the meeting. Julie Allen informed participants that due to a lack of physical quorum at the May 18, 2023, meeting, there will be voting on business from the previous agenda today. A call for introductions took place prior to proceeding.
Approval of Agenda	At 9:05, the committee considered the agenda.
Review of Draft Minutes	At 9:05, the SHRC reviewed the draft minutes of the April 13, 2023, and May 18, 2023, meeting. At 9:43, Julie Allen reverted for an actual approval of the meeting minutes.
Overview	At 9:06, Amy Byrne, Director, Compliance and Quality Management, welcomed and thanked the committee for choosing to host their meeting at the Western Tidewater CSB administrative facility. Ms. Byrne introduced Brandon Rodgers, Director, Business Development/Crisis Services with Western Tidewater CSB, who provided a brief history of Crisis and Hub Services and talked about the workforce management by Western Tidewater CSB.
Public Comment	At 9:44, Julie Allen announced the public comment period. <i>No public comments were offered.</i>
Notifications:	At 9:45, Taneika Goldman notified the SHRC that a decision letter concerning the variance request submitted by Western State Hospital has been issued. Mrs. Goldman informed the SHRC that Connections Health Solutions will be provide an overview of their agency and services model at the next meeting. The SHRC was also notified of two staff resignations (region 2 Manager and Training & Development Coordinator) and that beginning in July 2023, Deb Lochart will return as interim Manager for Region 2.
Presentation:	At 10:02, Mary J. McQuown, Recovery Services Workforce Development Coordinator, Office of Recovery Services, presented a PowerPoint presentation on "Recovery from Mental Health and Substance Abuse Challenges".
BREAK	At 10:57, Julie Allen called for a brief break.

Subcommittees:	At 11:03, Julie Allen called for subcommittee reports.
Bylaws Subcommittee	At 11:04, Monica Lucas acknowledged that the SHRC and LHRC Bylaws have been revised and disseminated and that there has been no activity for the committee for several months. Motion was made to decommission the subcommittee.
Policy Subcommittee	
Workplan Subcommittee	Monica Lucas expressed interest in hearing from smaller, “mom and pop” providers who make up a large portion of the licensed community provider network. She will work with subcommittee member David Crews to identify providers who may be able to attend meetings to present about their programs/services as well as learn more about the SHRC.
Officer Subcommittee	<p>At 11:08, Timothy Russell announced the slate of Officers for Chair, David Boehm and Vice Chair, Monica. They both accepted the nomination.</p> <p>At 11:10, Timothy Russell made a motion, Betty Crance second, to appoint David Boehm as Chair and Monica Lucas as Vice Chair for the SHRC.</p> <p>At 11:11, Julie Allen proceeded with the roll call vote. David and Monica, we elected unanimously to serve a term of office effective July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024</p>
Membership Subcommittee	<p>The Membership Subcommittee facilitated discussion and decision about applicants interviewed at the May 18 meeting, as well as the re-appointment of Will Childers to a second full term.</p> <p>At 11:13 David Boehm motioned, Monica Lucas second, for Will Childers to be recommended for reappointment.</p> <p>At 11:14, Julie Allen roll call vote. All members voted “Yes”.</p>
SHRC Membership Interview Discussion:	<p>At 11:15, Upon a motion by David Boehm, and a second by David Crews, the SHRC convened in closed session pursuant to VA CODE § 2.2-3711 (A) (4) (8) and (16), for the protection of the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business, discussion of their medical records, and for consultation with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel.</p> <p>The SHRC returned to open session at 11:35. Upon reconvening in open session each member certified that, to the best of their knowledge, only matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and only such matters related to the stated reason for going into closed session were heard, discussed, or considered.</p>

Renee F. Valdez: At 11:38, Monica Lucas first motion, Betty second motion to become SHRC member. All "Yes"; motion passed.
 John B. Shepherd: At 11:39, Monica first motion, Betty second motion to become SHRC member. All "Yes"; motion passed.
 Steven Hornstein: At 11:40, Timothy Russell stated unanimous vote for previous two. Indicated that Steven should be considered for a workgroup liaison. Monica first motion, Betty second.

BREAK

At 11:43, Julie Allen called for a brief break.

Facility Operations

At 11:58, the committee received updates on OHR Facility Operations.

Violation Letters

At 11:59, Brandon Charles, Facility Operations Manager, presented the summary of violation letters.

VBCR Reports

At 12:00, 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.

**Overview: State
Operating Facility DI 201**

At 12:05, Brandon Charles, Facility Operations Manager, presented a PowerPoint overview presentation on "Departmental Instruction 201."

S/R & Death

At 12:49, Mary Clair O'Hara, Associate Director for Facility Operations, presented seclusion, restraint, and death data for state facilities.

LHRC Business

At 1:07, the SHRC considered LHRC business.

LHRC Liaison Reports

There was no liaison reported submitted by committee members.

LHRC Membership

At 1:08, Upon a motion by David Crews, and a second by Betty Crance. the SHRC unanimously made the following appointments and reappointment for all LHRC memberships to move forward with approval.

Region 1

Rappahannock/ Rapidan LHRC
 Heather Knowles Willie Nelson

Region 3 – May 18th

Roanoke – Catawba LHRC
 Kristen West
 Laura Dickerson

Lisa Dishner
Natasha Liriano Suarez

Region 4
Central Region LHRC
Walter Small
Edward Helton – Reappt

Region 5
Southeast Alliance LHRC
Lavar Reynolds

Other

At 1:11, Taneika Goldman reminded the committee of Monica Lucas' ideas to recognize LHRC members and agreed to include it as an agenda topic at a future meeting. Mrs. Goldman also advised the SHRC members that the August meeting is expected to have a full agenda including a possible update on the status of the DOJ Settlement Agreement.

Adjournment

At 1:22, the June 22, 2023, SHRC Meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting
August 17, 2023
Virginia Beach, location TBD
Region 5