

Williamsburg Regional
Local Human Rights Committee
4601 Ironbound Road
Hancock Geriatric Center Conference Room
Williamsburg, VA 23188
08/28/2019 at 9:00 AM

MEMBERS PRESENT

LaVerne Brooks-Vice Chair
Roberta Racioppi-Member
Maria Fuentes-Sherman-Member
Augustine Gatling-Lampley-Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Frances McBride-Chairman
Ed Sedwick-Alternate member

OFFICE OF HUMAN RIGHTS-(OHR)

Carlton Henderson-Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS

OTHERS PRESENT

Stephanie Hart – Middle Peninsula/Northern Neck (MPNN) CSB
Keven Hanscom
Holly Hanscom
Dion Scarbough – B&M Group Homes
Donell Riley – B&M Group Homes
Dr. J. Morel – ESH

CALL TO ORDER

Maria Fuentes-Sherman called meeting to order at 9:02 AM. Those in attendance made introductions to include their name and title.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The August 28, 2019 agenda was motioned to be accepted, with changes to hear from MPNN prior to ESH, by Ms. Racioppi, seconded by Ms. Brooks and unanimously approved by the committee members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from July 17, 2019 were motioned to be accepted by Ms. Racioppi, seconded by Ms. Brooks and unanimously approved by the committee members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CHAIR-PERSON ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

REGIONAL ADVOCATE/ HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATE REPORT

Carlton J. Henderson thanked the Members for convening for the special meeting. No other announcements or updates were made

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Ms. Brooks, seconded by Ms. Racioppi, and unanimously approved by the committee members that the Williamsburg Regional 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 next friend designation for an individual receiving services through Middle Peninsula/Northern Neck CSB, reviewing restrictions to freedoms of everyday life for an individual receiving services through Eastern State Hospital, and reviewing a next friend designation for an individual receiving services through B&M Residential.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The committee reconvened in open session by unanimous vote on a motion by Mrs. Gatling-Lampley and seconded by Mrs. Fuentes-Sherman. 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 the next friend designation for an individual receiving services through Middle Peninsula/Northern Neck CSB, reviewing restrictions to freedoms of everyday life for an individual receiving services through Eastern State Hospital, and reviewing a next friend designation for an individual receiving services through B&M Residential.

- Recommendations for Eastern State Hospital
 - Motion made Ms. Racioppi, seconded by Mrs. Fuentes-Sherman, and unanimously approved by the committee members as follows:
 - Approve the implementation of restrictions to assist in preventing the Individual from choking based on a special diet as recommended by Eastern State Hospital's speech and dietary departments.
 - Eastern State Hospital will present an update at the end of the first 90 days to discuss the status of the restrictions, at the January 2020 LHRC meeting.
- Recommendations for MPNN
 - Motion made Ms. Racioppi, seconded by Mrs. Brooks, and unanimously approved by the committee members as follows:
 - Approve the next friend designation.
 - MPNN will present an update at the end of the first 90 days to discuss the status of the designation, and progress or lack thereof, at the January 2020 LHRC meeting.
- Representatives from B&M Residential arrived to the meeting just prior to the meeting being adjourned. However, the committee agreed to hear the request provided all necessary documentation was available.

- Upon inquiry, in open session, B&M advised that they did not have the necessary documentation and was unaware what was required. The representative stated she did not receive the email that was sent to the Director by Mr. Henderson.
- The provider was advised on the necessary documentation to be provided prior to the next meeting and informed of the next meetings.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion made to ADJOURN the meeting by Ms. Racioppi, seconded by Mrs. Gatling-Lampley at 9:45 a.m. with the unanimous approval of the committee members.