

WILLIAMSBURG REGIONAL LHRC

Draft Minutes

June 14, 2023

9:00 AM

Eastern State Hospital 4601 Ironbound Road, Williamsburg, VA 23188

MEMBERS PRESENT

Frances McBride – Chairperson

LaVerne Brooks – Vice Chairperson

Melissa South – Member

Members Absent

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Lashanique Green – Human Rights Advocate

Jennifer Kovack – Associate Director for Community Operations

Tony Davis – Human Rights Advocate

Claire Bowman – Clinical Psychologist

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Frances McBride at 9:16 AM.

ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE

Those in attendance made introductions.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was motioned to be approved by Frances McBride seconded by Laverne Brooks and unanimously approved by all members in attendance. An addition to the agenda was motioned to be approved by Frances McBride seconded by Melissa South and unanimously approved by all members in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were motioned to be approved by Frances McBride seconded by Melissa South and unanimously approved by all members in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

ADVOCATE REPORT AND TRAINING

Lashanique Green provided the advocate report to include facility data regarding quarterly ANE and Complaint Statistics, summary of current Variances, local updates, and upcoming events.

CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion made by Frances McBride and seconded by LaVerne Brooks the committee entered closed session pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711, a.15 and §2.2-37.05.5 for the purpose of discussion of treatment plans.

NEW BUSINESS (Closed Session)

1. PGH: Telephone Restriction (2) – 9:25 AM

The review for telephone restrictions at PGH were motioned to be approved after returning to open session by melissa South seconded by Laverne Brooks and unanimously approved by all members in attendance.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Upon reconvening in open session, 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 two telephone restrictions at PGH. Each individual voted.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned by Frances McBride at 9:51 AM. The next meeting date is September 13, 2023, at 9AM located at Eastern State Hospital.

Advocate Report, State Facilities

Quarterly ANE and complaint statistics

For the quarter ending 3/31/2022:

Facility	Abuse Cases*	Complaint Cases*
WSH	17 (3)	25 (4)
CCCA	16 (3)	1
NVMHI	22 (1)	17
SWVMHI	8	27 (5)
Catawba	13 (2)	0
SVMHI	10	3
CSH	36 (4)	27
HDMC	4 (1)	0
PGH	7	3 (1)
VCBR	10 (2)	27 (11)
ESH	19 (8)	38
SEVTC	1 (1)	0

*Cases in parentheses are substantiated.

Similar community information may be located by reviewing minutes from Local Human Rights Committees in your area via the Commonwealth Calendar: <https://commonwealthcalendar.virginia.gov/>

Summary of current Variances for Facilities

- Central State Hospital has 4 variances all of which were approved by the SHRC on 11/3/2022 to continue for another 3 years. There are no new variances pending.
- Western State Hospital has 2 variances which expire in 2024, including one that was approved by the SHRC in April.
- Virginia Center for Behavioral Rehabilitation has 2 variances which will expire in 2024. There are no variances currently pending.

DBHDS Updates

Youth Crisis Receiving Center (CRC) Groundbreaking – On April 27, 2023, St. Joseph's Villa, in partnership with Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services, broke ground on Central Virginia's first emergency department alternative for youth experiencing mental health crises. Secretary of Health and Human Resources John Littel and Commissioner Smith both spoke at the event in support of the CRC, which will provide immediate stabilization services and link youth to the next appropriate level of care. This is a much-needed resource for youth and families in the region, and we are excited for work to begin.

Community Visits with the First Lady – Commissioner Smith recently joined First Lady Suzanne Youngkin for a tour of Sandstone Detox Center in Chantilly and SafeSpot Children's Advocacy Center in Fairfax.

Sandstone provides a safe, supportive environment to help people struggling with addiction on their journey to recovery. Safespot provides essential services to child victims of sexual abuse so they can move toward healing and stability with resilience.

Mental Health Awareness Month – May is #MentalHealthMonth. While 1 in 5 people will experience a mental illness during their lifetime, we all face challenges in life that can impact our mental health.

Fentanyl Awareness Day – May 9 is Fentanyl Awareness Day. We are all painfully aware of the opioid epidemic that is ravaging communities across Virginia and the nation. Fentanyl caused or contributed to death in 76% of fatal overdoses in 2021. Fighting this crisis is a key focus of the Governor's Right Help, Right Now plan and DBHDS' strategic plan. We are encouraged community providers to hold Rapid REVIVE! Training, distribute naloxone, and promote awareness about the dangers of fentanyl on May 9! You can find REVIVE! trainings, including rapid training, on our website and access to no-cost naloxone on the VDH website.

Trainings for Providers & Facilities

<https://dbhds.virginia.gov/quality-management/human-rights/training-resources-for-providers/>

Please view this link to locate trainings for providers and state operated facilities.

SHRC Meetings

<https://dbhds.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/2023-SHRC-Meeting-Schedule.pdf>

June 22, 2023 – CRI – Northern Virginia Location

August 17, 2023 – Virginia Beach CSB

September 28, 2023 – NVMHI

November 2, 2023 – Blue Ridge Community Services Board

December 14, 2023 – DBHDS Central Office, Richmond, VA

The SHRC is required to meet at least 8 times a year. Unless special circumstances apply, administrative sessions normally convene at 8:30AM. Regular sessions normally convene at 9:00AM and run until all agenda items are addressed. Portions of meetings are held in closed session. Appeals are normally scheduled for late morning.

LHRC Trainings

The most recent new member LHRC Orientation training was conducted on April 27, 2023. All new LHRC members (as of October, 2022) are expected to attend LHRC Orientation.

New LHRC members will receive notice in their appointment letters regarding attending Orientation and viewing the other training materials (Overview HRR, LHRC Forms, Fact Finding Hearings, FOIA). Dr. Carlton Henderson, Training and Development Coordinator for the OHR, will conduct these orientation sessions.

If you are a new member, as of October, 2022, and have not received Orientation, please notify the advocate who provides technical assistance to your committee for assistance.

dLCV Survey

disAbility Law Center of Virginia (dLCV) has initiated a survey to learn more about the experiences, knowledge, and comfort with the Human Rights Complaint Process from individuals who have received services from DBHDS. If you are interested in taking part in the survey, you can access it here: <https://www.dlcva.org/hr-survey>.

LHRC Recruitment

We are currently recruiting for Local Human Rights Committees assigned to the Facility Operations Team:

Staunton Area LHRC – Meets quarterly in Staunton at Western State Hospital.

Tri-City LHRC – Meets quarterly in Petersburg at Central State Hospital.

Williamsburg Regional LHRC – Meets quarterly in Williamsburg at Eastern State Hospital.

Please contact Brandon Charles, MSW, Facility Operations Manager at brandon.charles@dbhds.virginia.gov for more information or an application.