

STAUNTON AREA LHRC
103 Valley Center Drive, Staunton, VA 24401
Draft Minutes
October 2, 2025
10:30 AM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Abby Shirkey - Chairperson
Kim Nine – Member
Melissa Thornton- Member

Members Absent

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Riley Curran - Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS OHR
Mykala Sauls – Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS OHR
Brandon Charles- Senior Human Rights Manager, Facility Operations, DBHDS OHR

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Abby Shirkey at 10:39 AM.

ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE

Those in attendance made introductions.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The amended agenda was submitted and a motion to approve was made by Kim Nine seconded by Melissa Thornton.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were motioned to be approved was made by Kim Nine seconded by Melissa Thornton.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were given.

ADVOCATE REPORT AND TRAINING

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

LHRC ANNUAL TRAINING

LHRC members participated in annual training on the LHRC Review Forms.

CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion made by Abby Shirkey and seconded by Kim Nine 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)

- CCCA Restriction Review
- CCCA Extension Request
- WSH Variance Quarterly Report

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.

- Abby Shirkey motioned that the restriction of A.G.s phone usage was done in accordance with the Human Rights Regulations. Seconded by Kim Nine. Unanimously approved by all members present.
- Abby Shirkey motioned that the timeframe extension request be granted for A.G. due to delay in receiving records required to file petition. Seconded by Kim Nine. Unanimously approved by all members present.
- The Staunton Area LHRC accepted WSH's quarterly variance update.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned by Abby Shirkey at 11:26AM. The next meeting date is January 8, 2026 at 10:30 AM located at Western State Hospital.

