

Charlottesville Area LHRC
502 Old Lynchburg Rd, Charlottesville, Virginia
April 19, 2018 at 1:00pm
Approved Minutes

LIST MEMBERS PRESENT: John Shepherd – Chair; Bruce Ellsworth; Amy Hereford

LIST MEMBERS ABSENT: Rita Shelton, Margaret Harvey

CALL TO ORDER

John Shepherd called meeting to order at 1:08pm. Welcome committee members.

CORRECTION TO AGENDA

John Shepherd moved to make the following corrections to the agenda and seconded by Bruce Ellsworth. The committee approved by unanimous vote.

- Lutheran Family Services of Virginia next friend appointment is changed to Region Ten CSB next friend appointment.
- Wall Residences will present safety restriction plans.

MINUTES

January 18, 2018 minutes were motioned to be approved by Amy Hereford and seconded by Bruce Ellsworth. The committee approved the minutes by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

AGENDA ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS:

- Region Ten CSB – Next friend appointment. Individual did not appear in-person. The committee has asked that the individual provide consent in writing of the next friend appointment. Sheri Gauthier will send this document to the advocate to disseminate to the committee.
- Region Ten CSB – Video monitoring policy review. Information and hard drive will be encrypted. Information is on the private and secured Region Ten CSB network. It will be monitored by authorized staff only. Video monitoring will be recorded over after a specified period of time. LHRC recommends for the policy to include additional approval from the individuals when reviewing specific behavioral outbursts specific to procedure numbers 1 (specific to “improving clinical outcomes”) and 15 of the policy. Recommendation to return to present to LHRC upon implementation.
- Wall Residences – Review of 2 safety restrictive plans in closed session.

CLOSED SESSION - Upon a motion made by John Shepherd and seconded by Bruce Ellsworth, 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 medical record / treatment plans. The continued use of restrictive behavioral plans were reviewed and recommendations were made.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - Upon reconvening in open session, all members of the Local Human Rights Committee certified that to the best of each ones’ knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the closed session were

discussed in closed session. Recommendation was made for less restrictive interventions to be attempted specific to the length of time for the restriction of the MP3 player. Motioned by Bruce Ellsworth and seconded by Amy Hereford.

- Advocate provided training specific to 12VAC35-115-50 and 12VAC35-115-70. The LHRC feels confident in their understanding of the LHRC hearing process and do not feel the need to conduct a mock hearing at this time.

ADVOCATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Office of Human Rights (OHR) is offering 5 regional human rights trainings to agency directors and their designees. OHR has completed 4 trainings in New Market, Fredericksburg, Charlottesville, and Fairfax. The upcoming training is scheduled on April 27 in Lynchburg. Registration is closed for all trainings.
- OHR has two new regional advocates. Ann Pascoe was recently hired as the regional advocate for Region II and Sharae Henderson will be the newly assigned regional advocate for Region IV.
- DBHDS is in the process of conducting a look-behind review in state facilities. Reviews are ongoing but are going well at this time.
- There will be a CHRIS training on May 18, 2018 from 10:00am-12:00pm at the Merrifield Center in Fairfax, VA. The training is full, but if providers are interested in receiving CHRIS training they may contact Lana Hurt at lane.hurt@dbhds.virginia.gov. When an adequate number of providers have expressed interest, OHR will schedule another training.

NEXT MEETING – July 19, 2018 at 1:00pm at 502 Old Lynchburg Rd, Charlottesville, Virginia.

MEETING ADJOURNED – Motion made to adjourn by Amy Hereford seconded by Bruce Ellsworth.

Meeting adjourned at 2:44pm.

These Minutes were transcribed by Artea Ambrose, Human Rights Advocate.