

Southeast Alliance Local Human Rights Committee
300 Medical Dr.
Hampton, VA 23666
04/16/2019 at 3:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Charles Ponquinette
Candi Rhodes
Stephanie Nesbitt, LPN

Members Absent

Sebrina Edwards, Chairperson

OTHERS PRESENT

Reginald Daye- Regional Advocate, DBHDS- Region 5
Carlton Henderson- Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS- Region 5
Courtney Myles- LHRC Support Liaison, DBHDS- Region 5
Dr. Melanie Bond- Director, QM/CC, Hampton-Newport News CSB (HNN-CSB)
Karen Matthews- Compliance and Standards Mgr., Hampton-Newport News CSB (HNN-CSB)
Carey Chappell- Director Quality Improvement (QI), Newport News Behavioral Health Center
Stacey Johnson- Executive Director- Riverside Behavioral Health Center
Meghan Rene- Quality Manager- Riverside Behavioral Health Center
Corie Reed- Program Manager of Day Support- Five Star Residential Living Residential

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Charles Ponquinette called meeting to order at 3:13 PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The April 16, 2019 agenda was motioned to be accepted as amended by Ms. Candi Rhodes, seconded by Ms. Stephanie Nesbitt and unanimously approved by the committee members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Ponquinette called for a review and approval of the Minutes from the previous meeting. **The approval of the January 15, 2019 minutes was motioned to be accepted by Ms. Rhodes, seconded by Ms. Nesbitt and unanimously approved by the committee members.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADVOCATE REPORT/REGIONAL ADVOCATE ANNOUNCEMENT:

Mr. Carlton Henderson introduced himself as the Human Rights Advocate assigned as Technical Support for the SEA LHRC and made the announcements:

- Human rights trainings covering varying topics, based on the provider's needs, will be held for community providers and facilities quarterly.
 - 1st quarter meeting was held at Western Tidewater CSB in March and covered CHRIS reporting and how to enter a case into CHRIS.
- As of recent, per the SHRC, a LHRC member is not permitted to serve on multiple LHRC's.
 - This meeting is Mrs. Edward's last meeting serving on the SEA LHRC and she will continue her term as a member on the Suffolk Regional LHRC.
 - There are currently two vacancies on the SEA LHRC, one being for a consumer. The LHRC as well as others present were invited to seek people who are interested in serving on the LHRC in the vacant capacities.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Newport News Behavioral Health Center
 - a. Variance Update
 - i. Carey Chappell, Director Quality Improvement (QI), presented an overview of its State Human Rights Committee (SHRC) approved variance to the LHRC members. The quarterly update is a requirement imposed by the SHRC when the variance was approved.
 - ii. Telephone and visitation restriction
 1. Both restrictions are active upon admission.
 2. No complaints for the fourth quarter.
 3. The program's variance is up for renewal in October 2020.
 - iii. Level System (regarding restrictions on freedoms of everyday life)
 1. The Level System was in full effect beginning April 2, 2019

2. As of current, all staff have been trained on the newly implemented Level System. - No complaints
 3. There has been a significant decrease in aggression and peer to peer incidents. Data is being collected by Carey Chappell.
 4. Will provide update on effectiveness of the noted changes at the next meeting.
2. Jeremy Ross is no longer with Newport News Behavioral Health Center. Sarah Williams is currently in the Director of Residential Services.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Riverside Behavioral Health Center
 - a. Meghan Rene and Stacey Johnson review of Contraband and Searches Policy
 - i. The word “wand” was removed from the original policy
 - ii. Search procedure will now include a pat down and metal detection screening which will enhance searches
 - iii. Searches will be conducted by trained staff
 - iv. Discussed action steps for searches and provides brief overview of what constitutes contraband
 - b. Recommendation: **Motion made by Ms. Rhodes, seconded by Ms. Nesbitt and unanimously approved by the committee members as follows:**
 - i. No additional comments or concerns at this time.
2. Five Star Residential Living
 - a. Corie Reed presented the Electronic Monitoring and Recording Policy
 - i. Recording will only take place in common areas, no cameras in the bathrooms.
 - ii. There are no audio capabilities with recordings
 - iii. No remote control available to review recordings
 - b. Recommendation: **Motion made by Ms. Rhodes, seconded by Ms. Nesbitt and unanimously approved by the committee members as follows:**
 - i. No additional comments or concerns at this time.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Ms. Rhodes, seconded by Ms. Nesbitt and unanimously approved by the committee members at 3:36 PM that the SEA- 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 behavioral plan involving the use of restraints for an individual of Hampton-Newport News CSB.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The committee reconvened in open session at 3:39 PM by unanimous vote on a motion by Ms. Rhodes, seconded by Ms. Nesbitt. 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 an individual's restrictive plan.

Recommendation: Motion made by Ms. Rhodes, seconded by Ms. Nesbitt and unanimously approved by the committee members as follows:

- a. Approve continuation of the Behavioral Plan for "J" with quarterly updates.

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 interview a candidate for membership on the SEA LHRC.

TRAINING

Overview of CHRIS and cases that may lead to LHRC review provided by Mr. Henderson.

MEETING ADJOURNED

A motion made to adjourn the meeting by Ms. Rhodes and seconded by Ms. Nesbitt at 4:09 PM with the unanimous approval of the committee members.

NEXT MEETING DATE: July 16, 2019 at 3:00 PM (HNNCSB- 300 Medical Drive; Hampton, VA)