

Northwestern Area LHRC
209 W Criser Rd, Front Royal, Virginia
May 1, 2019 at 10:00am
Approved Minutes

LIST MEMBERS PRESENT: Audrey Brown – Chair; Niki Pangle

LIST MEMBERS ABSENT: Katie Anderson

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Brown called meeting to order at 10:02am. Welcome committee members.

MINUTES

August 1, 2018; November 7, 2018; and February 6, 2019 minutes will be postponed for approval until this LHRC has a quorum to approve.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADVOCATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Regional Advocate has finished our most recent round of Community Based Look-Behinds, reviewing 22 closed CHRIS cases for last quarter. The CBL process (both for community and facility-based providers) has provided valuable data regarding how both we, and our providers and facilities are doing business specific to investigations and follow-up of substantiated findings for abuse, neglect, and exploitation. We are now underway with our 5th Community-Based Look Behind, and this region will have 13 reviews for this quarter. We have already completed 10 of those 13.
- The Facility-Based Advocates are also currently working on completion of their most recently assigned facility-based look-behinds. Advocate Ritchie has completed his CCCA & WSH assignments for both March and April, and he has been assigned additional cases which will be completed around mid-May. For each review, Advocate Ritchie reviews 10 closed CHRIS cases at CCCA and 10 closed CHRIS cases at WSH.
- The Office of Human Rights hosted a statewide advocate meeting on March 12-13. In attendance were all of the Regional Advocates, the Deputy Director and State Human Rights Director, and all community based and facility advocates. This provided a great opportunity to review new and revised protocols, receiving training on EHR (Electronic Health Records) and the revised waiver process, and work toward our common mission.
- One significant change as a result of a new protocol is the automatic citation for substantiated (by providers) cases of abuse/neglect/exploitation.
- The new forms for LHRC reviews have been finalized for providers. These forms provide a standardized format for providers in all regions to request LHRC reviews for Consent & Authorization, Restrictions, Behavioral Treatment Plans, Human Research, and Next Friends, and offers a step-by-step guide for what providers should include as part of their requests, and what documents are necessary for the reviews.
- New Advocate has been hired for NVMHI in Region 2, and we welcome Jennifer Anglin to the Office of Human Rights.

AGENDA ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS:

- Crossroads Counseling Center – Closing Woodstock office effective 3/16/19 and discontinuing Behavioral Therapy Services (not a licensed service). They are also adding Substance Abuse Intensive Outpatient for Adults and Adolescents in Winchester, VA.
- NWCSB – Chapin House residents moving to new location next to Sunshine House.
- CLOSED SESSION - Upon a motion made by Ms. Pangle and seconded by Ms. Brown, 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. Two new applicants were interviewed.
 - North Spring – Behavioral Plans (4)
 - Timber Ridge – Restriction Plans
 - 2 LHRC Applications – Renee Waymire and Chris Taylor were interviewed by the committee members
- 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. Motioned by Ms. Brown and certified by all members in attendance.
 - Motions made during open session following the business conducted during the closed session:
 - North Spring – Provider should review 12VAC35-115-100.B.3.A and complete the DBHDS Review form as appropriate
 - New Applicants for the LHRC - Motion made to approve members by Ms. Pangle and seconded by Ms. Brown
- LHRC Training – 12VAC35-115-50. Dignity and 12VAC35-115-70. Participation in Decision Making and Consent

NEXT MEETING – August 7, 2019 at 10:00am at 209 W Criser Rd, Front Royal, Virginia.

MEETING ADJOURNED – Motion made to adjourn by Ms. Brown seconded by Ms. Pangle.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35am.

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