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State Human Rights Committee Meeting

Minutes

Thursday, May 16, 2024

DBHDS

Region 2

Youth For Tomorrow

11835 Hazel Circle Drive

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Bristow, VA 20136

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Convene

9:00 a.m.

SHRC Members Present Physically David Boehm, **Chair**; Monica Lucas, **Vice Chair**, John Shepherd, Will Childers, David Crews, Renee Valdez, Timothy Russell

SHRC Members Attending Virtually

SHRC Members Absent Betty Crance

Staff Present Physically Taneika Goldman, State Human Rights Director
Delisa Turner, Executive Administrative Assistant, Office of Human Rights
Nadya Said, Human Rights Advocate, Region 2

Staff Attending Virtually Mary Clair O'Hara, Associate Director for Facility Operations, OHR
Cassie Purtlebaugh, Human Rights Advocate Manager, Region 1

Gail Paysour, Alternative Transportation Coordinator, DBHDS
Brandon Charles, Facility Operations, Manager, OHR
Alonzo Riggins, Training & Development Coordinator, DBHDS, OHR

**Others
Attending in
Person**

Karen A. Taylor, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Counsel to the SHRC
Dr. Gary Jones, CEO, Youth For Tomorrow, (YFT)
Dr. Terry R Tinsley, Vice President for Residential Program Service, YFT
Mikka Sturdivant, Director of Quality & Assurance, YFT
Ricky Frye, Project Manager, Allied Universal All Acuity Patient Transport Pilot Program
Diane Knapper, Operations Manager, All Saints Healthcare Services Inc.
Mr. Kyung (David) Byun, Authorized Representative
Mrs. Byun, Authorized Representative
Mary Baker-Berry, Executive Director, Community Systems Inc.
Danielle Warner, Program Director, Community Systems Inc.
Lakeia Burden, Compliance Manager, Chimes
Christina Nicol, Manager, The Arc of Greater Prince William
Natasha Lantz, Director of Clinical Services, Hartwood Foundation Inc.
David Yeater, Executive Director, NOVA Family Services Inc.
Sheandar Peterkin, Director of Quality Improvement & Compliance, CRI

**Others
Attending
Virtually**

Teresa Smith, Healthcare Compliance Manager, Office of the State Inspector General, OSIG

Call to Order

At 9:12, David Boehm, SHRC Chair, called the May 16, 2024, SHRC meeting to order and welcomed all to the meeting. A call for introductions were made.

**Approval of
Agenda**

At 9:15, the committee considered the agenda. John Shepherd motioned for approval. Will Childers 2nd. The agenda was approved, unanimously.

**Review of Draft
Minutes**

At 9:15, the SHRC reviewed the draft minutes of the April 11, 2024, meeting. Renee Valdez stated the correction of the last name of Monica Lucas in the SHRC interview section of the minutes. Timothy Russell motioned. Renee Valdez 2nd for approval. The draft minutes were approved as final with the aforementioned change, unanimously.

**Welcome and
Overview:**

At 9:19, Dr. Gary Jones, CEO, Youth For Tomorrow, alongside Dr. Terry Tinsley, welcomed the committee to the Youth For Tomorrow campus. Dr. Gary Jones informed the committee on how the organization first began in 1988 by then Washington Redskins football Coach Joe Gibbs to help at-risk youth and the continued growth of the facility, along with the longevity of the

employees. He mentioned the Girls on a Journey Program to aid victims of sex-trafficking. He spoke to the fact that as different needs have been identified in the community, federal, state and local governments and agencies have partnered with their organization to build a rapport of helping some of the most vulnerable and alienated children.

Tour Debrief: At 9:28, the SHRC discussed how the tour of Youth For Tomorrow went on May 15, 2024. The SHRC showed great appreciation to the staff for hosting the SHRC at the facility. The committee spoke about the infant and toddler they visited with in the Mommy and Me program, which they enjoyed and the impact of seeing such wonderful interactions between staff and individuals from the group homes to the school to the chapel. John Shepherd asked about the scholarship programs.

Public Comment: At 9:32, David Boehm announced the public comment period. There was no public comment.

The committee reverted to more details of the tour debrief. Dr. Terry Tinsley spoke on the sex trafficking program in more depth and how the victims do not receive funding. Renee Valdez asked about the organizations strategy to ensure diversity across different levels, including the Board.

At 9:47, Taneika Goldman gave a brief refresher on how the appeal process will commence.

BREAK At 9:49, David Boehm called for a brief break.

**Appeal:
Northern
Virginia Hospital
LHRC Findings:** At 9:59, the SHRC facilitated the appeal of the fact-finding and recommendations from Northern Virginia Hospital LHRC in the matter of DB v All Saints Healthcare Services Inc. A call for introductions took place by David Boehm prior to proceeding. At the request of the Authorized Representative, the appeal was heard in open session.

Mr. Byun, Authorized Representative, presented in person on the behalf of his son who initiated the appeal of the LHRC findings. Diane Knapper, presented in person on behalf of All Saints Healthcare Services, Inc. Statements were heard from both parties and the SHRC asked clarifying questions. Taneika Goldman informed the parties that they would receive the findings of the SHRC in writing within 20 working days.

BREAK At 11:03, David Boehm called for a brief break.

**Presentation:
Alternative
Transportation** At 11:10, Gail Paysour, Alternative Transportation Coordinator, provided an overview of the alternative transportation service. She discussed the Allied Universal Security (AUS) pilot program and how the focus is on being recovery oriented. Ricky Frye, Project Manager, Allied Universal All

Acuity Patient Transport Pilot Program, was in person to give the committee a tour of one of their vehicles for transport and demonstrated on SHRC member, Timothy Russell, how they restrain individuals with high acuity needs during transport.

At 11:40, the SHRC went outside to tour one of Allied Universal transport vehicles.

**Closed Session
Deliberation**

At 11:56, Monica motioned for closed session and John Shepherd 2nd. Upon a motion by Monica, convened in closed session pursuant to VA CODE § 2.2-3711 (A) (4) (8) and (16), for the protection of individuals in personal matters not related to public business, discussion of their medical records, and for consultation with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel.

At 12:33, upon a motion by Timothy Russell and 2nd by Will Childers, the SHRC returned to open session. Upon reconvening in open session each member certified that, to the best of their knowledge, only matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and only such matters related to the stated reason for going into closed session were heard, discussed, or considered.

**Provider
Roundtable:**

At 12:30, the SHRC held a Regional Community Provider Roundtable session with representatives of various providers in the Region (CRi, Nova Family Services, Hartwood Foundation, Community Systems, Inc). Taneika Goldman facilitated the segway for the providers in attendance to share about themselves and their organizations, specifically about the services they offer, one initiative they are most proud of and if applicable, a challenge they believe the SHRC may be aware of and/or can assist with. A call for introductions was made by David Boehm.

BREAK

At 1:37, David Boehm called for a brief break.

At 1:45, Monica Lucas motioned to accept the agenda changes presented by David Boehm. Will Childers 2nd.

dLCV Report:

At 1:46, Taneika Goldman referenced a soon-to-be published report by the disability Law Center of Virginia titled "2023 Survey on the Human Rights Process at DBDHS Licensed, and Operated Providers". Taneika asked the committee to review the report and the response by DBHDS Commissioner Smith that was contained in their meeting packet, to have a full discussion about the findings and recommendations at the June SHRC meeting.

LHRC Business:

At 1:48, The SHRC considered LHRC business.

LHRC Membership: Will Childers made a motion to approve the appointment for membership. John Shepherd 2nd. Motion passed.

Region 4
Metropolitan LHRC
Michelle Whittingham - Appt

Subcommittees: At 1:50, the SHRC considered reports from the subcommittees.

Rights – Resources Subcommittees The Rights-Resources Subcommittee will defer its report and discussion facilitation concerning a Rights Poster contest until the next scheduled SHRC meeting in June.

Workplan Subcommittees The Workplan Subcommittee has nothing to report currently. Taneika Goldman acknowledged working on securing future presentations about the NGRI, TDO and Civil Commitment processes. David Crews informed the committee that this will be his last meeting. He’s surrendering his role on the SHRC. Due to accepting a position within DBHDS. David Crews asked the committee to consider how he (and others) may be able to serve the committee as a liaison or special subcommittee member even in his new role.

Policy Subcommittees The Policy Subcommittee has nothing to report.

Officer Subcommittee Timothy Russell informed the committee that he will not apply for another term on the SHRC. He nominated Will Childers and John Shepherd to become Chair and Vice Chair. Renee Valdez motioned to accept the nominations. David Crews 2nd. The committee will revisit this proposed slate of officers at the next meeting and vote.

Membership Subcommittee The Membership Subcommittee has nothing to report currently.

At 2:13, Monica motioned for closed session and John Shepherd 2nd. Upon a motion by Monica convened in closed session pursuant to VA CODE § 2.2-3711 (A) (4) (8) and (16), for the protection of the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business, discussion of their medical records, and for consultation with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel.

At 2:44, upon a motion by Timothy Russell and 2nd by Renee Valdez, the SHRC returned to open session. Upon reconvening in open session each member certified that, to the best of their knowledge, only matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and only such matters related to the stated reason for going into closed session were heard, discussed, or considered.

The SHRC's written response in the matter of D.B vs. All Saints Healthcare Service Inc. will be issued to all within 20 working days.

Other

The committee considered foregoing taking a tour of a provider in June due to the meeting location on the Eastern Shore. The Region 5 Provider Roundtable will occur in August.

Adjournment

At 2:47, the May 16, 2024, SHRC Meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting

June 27, 2024

National Counseling Group - Eastern Shore