

ROANOKE-CATAWBA LHRC

Virtual Meeting via Zoom due to COVID Protocols

DATE (12/09/2020) & TIME (1:00 PM)

DRAFTED MINUTES

LIST MEMBERS PRESENT: Betty Crance, Chair; Sarah Beth Hoyt, Vice-Chair; Lisa Hoyt, Member; Gloria Ferguson, Member; Marty Ham, Member; Sandy Sprinkle, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Hollie Carlisle, Advocate; Mykala Sauls, Advocate

CALL TO ORDER

Betty Crance, Chairperson called meeting to order at 1:07 pm. Those in attendance made introductions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

MINUTES

September 09, 2020 minutes were motioned to be approved by Marty Ham, seconded by Gloria Ferguson and unanimously approved by committee members in attendance.

AGENDA

Gloria Ferguson moved to approve the revised agenda and Sandy Sprinkle seconded the approval. Committee members unanimously approved the agenda.

ADVOCATE UPDATE

Hollie Carlisle, Region 3, Advocate, provided the advocate update to include the following: Seeking new members: Our committee continues to need new LHRC members and is currently seeking applicants. Anyone wishing to join the committee can contact Human Rights Advocate, Hollie Carlisle, for additional information an application form. Our committee is particularly in need of one additional consumer member. Our committee would also like to seek additional memberships, as our committee had one membership that expired in June 2020 and two memberships that will expire in June 2021.

Our committee has the Secretary position vacant and will accept nominations for this vacancy at our December 09, 2020, LHRC meeting.

Our next LHRC meeting will be determined once our 2021 meeting schedule is available. At this time, those meetings will be held via Zoom, as long as COVID precautions are in place.

OHR is continuing with our implemented AIM (assess safety; initiate process; monitor compliance) protocol. OHR has updated our AIM protocol and initiated efforts to increase our actions in the community remotely during this COVID-19 pandemic.

Deborah Lockhart, State Human Rights Director, has recently announced her plans for upcoming retirement, scheduled for the end of this year, as announced at our September LHRC meeting. The Office of Human Rights is excited to announce that Taneika Goldman has accepted the position of our new State Human Rights Director. Our office has recently began the process of transitioning to a new model of having Human Rights Advocates assigned to the Community and Human Rights Advocates specifically assigned to support the State Facilities. With those changes, as announced previously this year, Jennifer Kovack accepted the position of Senior Human Rights Manager for Community Operation. Our office is excited to announce that Brandon Rotenberry recently accepted the position of Facility Advocate Manager. Our office is also pleased to announce that Mykala Sauls has recently accepted the position of Human Rights Advocate, and will be assigned to Catawba Hospital and Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute.

Upcoming Training Events: The OHR Human Rights held a “Train the Trainer” training for providers on November 10, 2020 via Zoom and had about 60 participants.

Trainings for 2021 will be announced and posted on the DBHDS website.

NEW BUSINESS-Open session

Marty Ham motioned to approve the proposed 2021 LHRC meeting schedule, Sandy Sprinkle seconded and unanimously approved by committee. Proposed and approved dates are: March 10, June 16, September 8, and December 8.

Hollie Carlisle reminded the committee that in June 2021 Betty Crance and Lisa Hoyt’s membership would be expiring. Hollie encouraged all members to make recommendations as soon as possible.

CLOSED (EXECUTIVE) SESSION - Upon a motion made by Betty Crance, 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 at 1:35 pm.

- **Restriction Review Update-** Daniel Key with Key Living Options provided an update on a previous restriction decision. The LHRC reviewed the information and suggest another update upon completion of Behavioral Treatment Plan (BTP) on individual.

Restriction Review- John Counts, Highlands CSB Quality Improvement Board member, Breann Poe, Support Coordinator. The LHRC reviewed the information and determined that Provider is not in compliance with The LHRC determined this restrictive plan was not in compliance with Human Rights Regulations 12 VAC 35-115-100B(3)(a)(d)(e) and 12 VAC 35-115-100B(5). The LHRC has not approved the request of this restrictive plan. The LHRC recommends that provider return to next quarterly meeting in March 2021, to provide update towards compliance of regulation 12 VAC 35-115-100B(3)(a)(d)(e) and 12 VAC 35-115-100B(5). The LHRC further recommends Provider seek out assessment for BTP (Behavioral Treatment Plan) prior to implementing further restrictive measures.

Requests heard for Key Living were approved unanimously in open session with recommendations and the chairperson completed the LHRC review form. Requests heard for Highlands CSB were determined to not be in compliance and committee unanimously agreed upon decision and recommendations. The Chairperson completed the LHRC review form.

NEXT MEETING

March 10, 2021

MEETING ADJOURNED – Betty Crance adjourned the meeting at 2:50pm

These Minutes were transcribed by Mykala Sauls, Advocate.