

METROPOLICAL LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
APPROVED MINUTES
March 24, 2022
9:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Shaketa Draughn, Co-Chair
Pamela Jones, Secretary
Crystal Burgess, Member
Kiva Gatewood, Member
Danielle Johnson, Member
Nikkea Hardy, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Kimberly Johnson, Chairperson

OTHERS PRESENT

Andrea Milhouse, Technical Advisor, Advocate/Region 4 Office of Human Rights
Karylne Snead, Advocate/Region 4 Office of Human Rights

CALL TO ORDER

Shaketa Draughn, Co-Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:41 a.m. Those in attendance made introductions.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No corrections/changes made to agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The draft minutes of the January 27, 2022 meeting were reviewed. An error in the date was corrected. Danielle Johnson made a motion to approve, seconded by Pamela Jones and approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADVOCATE REPORT AND TRAINING

Andrea Milhouse provided reported that there should be two hearing scheduled between April and May and requested that all members please be available for those hearings.

Amaya Henderson is the new LHRC support staff. Members will be seeing information come from her office.

In the fourth quarter 2021, there were 798 reported allegations of abuse/neglect with 31 substantiated. There were 35 complaints submitted with one violation upheld.

After a meeting with the Directors and LHRC Chairs, it was requested that trainings not be held during the regularly scheduled meetings. They will now be offered quarterly.

April 27, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. – Mock Hearing

July 27, 2022 – 9:00 a.m. – FOIA: Freedom of Information Act
October 26, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. – Provider Request Reviews
January 25, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. – Overview of LHRC

Electronic copies of all Regulations, by-laws, etc. are available.

There has been a bill proposed to remove state hospitals from under the control of DBHDS and possibly privatizing.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A hearing will be brought to the committee. There were originally five complaints and two abuse allegations. The individual is being supported by the Disability Law Center. When submitted, the individual missed submitting one of the complaints. The ability to add the complaint for appeal under 12VAC35-115-150(e). A motion to allow the additional complaint to be added was made by Nikkea Hardy, seconded by Kiva Gatewood; motion carried and approved unanimously.

Membership Attendance: It was discussed that members can only miss 33% of meetings, per the by-laws. Because this committee meets quarterly, that would be equivalent to missing one meeting. Members can ask to be removed from the committee if they do not feel that they can fulfill this requirement. Members who miss 33% will be brought forward for a vote for removal.

CLOSED (EXECUTIVE) SESSION

N/A

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

N/A

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Metropolitan LHRC is scheduled for Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Shaketa Draughn entertained a motion to adjourn, made by Shaketa Draughn and seconded by Kiva Gatewood, adjourned the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

These Minutes were transcribed by Pamela Jones, LHRC Secretary.

Please note: No confidential information shall be included in the minutes, and all steps should be taken to maintain individuals' privacy.

This template has been updated to the new regulations effective 11/1/18.