

Virginia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services- DBHDS

Williamsburg Regional Local Human Rights Committee-LHRC

Zoom Meeting
10/07/2020 at 9:00 AM

MEMBERS PRESENT

LaVerne Brooks-Vice Chair
Roberta Racioppi-Member
Maria Fuentes-Sherman-Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Frances McBride-Chairman
Augustine Gatling-Lampley-Member

OFFICE OF HUMAN RIGHTS-(OHR)

Michael Gause- Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS
Reginald Daye – Regional Manager, DBHDS
Latoya Wilborne- Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS
April DeLandro- Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS
Lakel Gurley-Upshaw- Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS

OTHERS PRESENT

Sheila McElmurry- Norfolk CSB, Community Relations Specialist
Dr. George Pratt- Norfolk CSB Next Friend Interviewee
Desiree Nazareth- SEVTC, Director of Social Work
Heather Fisher- SEVTC, Facility Director
Erle Latimer- SEVTC Next Friend Interviewee

CALL TO ORDER

LaVerne Brooks called meeting to order at 9:04 AM. Those in attendance made introductions to include their name and title.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Ms. Maria Fuentes-Sherman and seconded by Ms. Laverne Brooks at 9:06 a.m. that the Williamsburg Regional LHRC will go into closed session pursuant to VA code 2.2-3711 (A), for the purpose of protecting the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business, namely for the purpose of, reviewing a next friend designation for

individuals receiving services through Southeastern Virginia Training Center and Norfolk Community Services Board.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The committee reconvened in open session at 9:31 a.m. by unanimous vote on a motion by Ms. Roberta Racioppi and seconded by Ms. Fuentes-Sherman. Each member certified that, to the best of each of their knowledge, only private business matters, lawfully exempted from the statutory open session requirements and identified in the motion by which the closed session was convened, were considered in the closed session, namely for the purpose reviewing a next friend designation for individuals receiving services through Southeastern Virginia Training Center and Norfolk Community Services Board.

- **Recommendations for Eastern State Hospital**
 - Motion made by Ms. Racioppi, seconded by Mrs. Fuentes-Sherman, and unanimously approved by the committee members as follows:
 - Approve Ms. EL the next friend designation for individual receiving services through Southeastern Virginia Training Center.
 - Motion made by Ms. Racioppi, seconded by Mrs. Fuentes-Sherman, and unanimously approved by the committee members as follows:
 - Approve Dr. GP the next friend designation for individual receiving services through Norfolk Community Services Board.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The October 07, 2020 agenda was motioned to be accepted by Ms. Fuentes-Sherman, seconded by Ms. Racioppi and unanimously approved by the committee members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from July 8, 2020 were motioned to be accepted by Ms. Fuentes-Sherman, seconded by Ms. Racioppi and unanimously approved by the committee members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CHAIR-PERSON ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

REGIONAL ADVOCATE/ HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATE REPORT

Mr. Reginald Daye made the announcements:

- Lakel Gurley-Upshaw will be taking over as Technical Advisor for the Williamsburg Regional Local Human Rights Committee.

Mr. Michael Gause made the announcements:

- Thanked the members for patience during the use of virtual platforms participation in all meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

TRAINING: 2020 FOIA Training presented by Mr. Michael Gause

NEXT MEETING

The LHRC reviewed and discussed the 2021 schedule.

- The proposed dates were January 6, April 7, July 7, and October 6.
- The 2021 schedule was motioned to be approved by Ms. Fuentes-Sherman, seconded by Ms. Racioppi and unanimously approved by the committee members.

Wednesday, January 6, 2020, 9:00 AM – Location TBD

MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion made to ADJOURN the meeting by Ms. Racioppi, seconded by Ms. Fuentes-Sherman at 10:01 AM with the unanimous approval of the committee members.