

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Final Approved Minutes

Wednesday September 17th, 2025

9:30 am

The Barry Robinson Center

443 Kempsville Road, Norfolk, VA 23502

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Advocate Contact: Corie M. Reed (804.454.5064)

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patricia Albritton-Chair

Dr. Natacha Dolson- Member

Cynthia Fraizer- Member

Christy Kieschnick- Member

Members Absent:

Shawn Henry

OTHERS PRESENT:

Miracle Reed-Thompson- Human Rights Advocate; DBHDS Region 5 via Teams

Melanie Joyner- Holiday House –via Teams

Danielle Blocker-Exceptional People Plus

Anthony Wolfe-Blue Ridge Residential

Call to Order:

Mrs. Albritton called the meeting to order at 9:30 am

ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE:

Those in attendance make introductions. Chair welcomes attendees.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mrs. Fraizer and seconded by Dr. Dolson.

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve June 18th, 2025, minutes was made by Dr. Dolson and second by Mrs. Kieschnick. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

None

Chairperson Announcements:

None

Advocate Report:

Abuse and Neglect Allegations	
January 1 – March 31, 2025	April 1, 2025 – June
422	542 (120 more case than last quarter)
Substantiated= 65	Substantiated= 43
None Abuse and Neglect Complaints	
January 1 – March 31, 2025	January 1 – March 31, 2025
140	78 (Decrease of 62 cases)
Substantiated = 9	Substantiated = 9

Variances

Region 5 continues to have 10 active Variances:

12VAC35-115-50 (7) Communication via telephone: 3

12VAC35-115-50 (8) Visitation: 4

12VAC35-115-100 Restriction on Everyday Freedom: 1

12VAC35-115-100 (A)(1) and (110) Time Out: 1

12VAC35-115-100 (A)(1)(g) Use of Vending Machines: 1

Updates

- **Investigator Training Verification**
- The Office of Human Rights continues to verify that each provider has a Trained Investigator which is a regulatory requirement of 12VAC35-115-175 (F)(4). Through this verification process we have been able to identify several providers that have not be in compliance with this regulation. To ensure compliance we have referred the provider to complete the Investigating Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation training that is offered through this office.
- Our office continues recruitment effort for members to join our LHRC'S. We currently have 3 Local Human Rights Committees for the community in Region 5
 - Health Planning Region 5 which meets at the Norfolk Community Service Board quarterly on the 3rd Monday @ 1:00pm
 - Southeastern Regional LHRC which meets at the James Barry Robinson Institute quarterly every third Wednesday @9:30 am
 - Southeast Alliance LHRC which meets at the Riverside Mental Health & Recovery Center quarterly on the 3rd Tuesday @ 12:00pm
- So if you know anyone that is interested in serving please have them to reach out to anyone on our team and we can go over the recruitment process and assist with completing the application if necessary.
- Health Planning Region 5 may have a new member that will be joining our team. We are waiting the confirmation of the SHRC. Once they have been confirmed we will let you all know.

- Updates of completion of Training recommended for the J.C. vs MPNN CSB will be presented during the December meeting. Deadline for completion of the trainings recommended is October 15th.

Upcoming Events

The Office of Human Rights continues to offer free training to community providers that you can register for by visiting the OHR website. Our next New Provider Orientation is scheduled for September 24th. Our next Community Training course will be:

Investigating Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation December 11th 9am – Noon

Overview of the Human Rights Regulations November 13th 9am – Noon

Reporting in CHRIS November 6th 9am -Noon

Restrictions, Behavioral Treatment Plans and Restraints November 20th 9am - Noon

Upcoming 2025 SHRC Meetings

The State Human Rights Committee continues to meet monthly with their next scheduled meeting on September 25th, in Region 2. The location has not been determined as we are currently searching for a provider to host this meeting. If you are interested in attending, please let your advocate know and arrangements will be made for you.

LHRC Appointments:

N/A

Old Business:

Holiday House of Portsmouth – Variance Update

Ms. Melanie Joyner presented the quarterly variance update:

- ICF children's residential facility for ages 5-21
- Visitation variance is active upon admission.
- No complaints, violations or grievance

New Business:

- Review, discussion and Training on Dignity.

Closed Session:

Motion was made by Mrs. Kieschnick to enter Closed session at 9:43 am, second Mrs. Albritton and approved for the Southeastern Regional LHRC to go into closed session pursuant to VA code 2.2-3711 (A), for the purpose of discussing confidential information lawfully exempt from public disclosure to restrictions.

Open Session:

Upon reconvening in open session at 10:06am, each member certified that, to the best of each members knowledge, only private business matters, lawfully exempted from statutory open sessions requirements and identified in the motion by which the closed session was convened, were considered in the closed session.

Recommendations.

Motion was made by Dr. Dolson and seconded by Mrs. Albritton and unanimously approved by the committee to:

- LHRC members Approve the use of the Chest Harness with the following recommendations for use of Band for G-Tube:
 1. Clarify physician's order for 2 providers (Blue Ridge and Exceptional People Plus
 2. Provide frequency, duration, conditions for provider plans to use for abdominal band.
 3. Update physician's order for criteria for removal
- LHRC members have agreed to a specialized meeting to review the completed recommendations with the provider on October 15, 2025.

Meeting Adjourned:

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 15th, 2025, at 9:30. The location will be at The James Barry Robinson Institute - 443 Kempsville Road, Norfolk, VA 23502.

Hearing no business, Mrs. Albritton adjourned the meeting at 10:17 am.

*** Next Meeting:**

Date –October 15th, 2025

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