

Northern Virginia Hospitals
Local Human Rights Committee
 Northern Virginia Mental Health Institute
 3302 Gallows Road
 Falls Church, VA 22042

Agenda □

Draft Minutes

Minutes ✓

Meeting Date/ Time:

Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 6:30pm

Meetings are schedule every month on the fourth Wednesday 6of the month at 6:30p or as needed.

LHRC Members:

✓ *indicates members present at the above identified meeting*

Jessica Gaarde (Co-Chair)

✓

Susan Haenisch (Co-Chair)

✓

Cheryl Wacker

✓

Steven Hornstein

✓ (departed at 8:05p)

Donalda Jones

✓

Taylor Reeves

✓

Kathy Somer

✓

Quorum Present:

✓7/7

DBHDS OHR Advocate:

Jennifer Anglin, NVMHI Advocate

Ann Pascoe, Regional Advocate

Others in attendance/ invited to attend:

Name	Provider/ Agency Name	Title
Taneika Goldman	DBHDS OHR	Deputy Director
Julie Dweyer-Allen	DBHDS SHRC	R2 SHRC member
Dr. Azure Baron	NVMHI	Dir of Psychology & Forensic Services
Larica Platt	NVMHI	Recreation Therapist
Dr. Melanie Corum	NVMHI	Licensed Clinical Psychologist
Juan Gonzalez	Dedicated Care Health Services	Program Director
Danielle Warner	Community Systems, Inc.	Program Director

- I 6:30p Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:35p by meeting Chair Ms. Haenish
- II 6:30p Welcome and Introductions** were performed by all present. Welcome to special guests Deputy Director of the OHR and SHRC Region 2 member.
- III 6:30p Finalize Agenda:** No changes to the agenda noted/ requested.
Motion by: Ms. Wacker
Second by: Ms. Jones. Motion approved by all.
- IV 6:30p Review Minutes:** From the 4/24/19 meeting. No changes were note nor recommended.
Motion by: Ms. Reeves
Second by: Ms. Gaarde. Motion approved by all.
- V 6:35p Public Comment:** Mr. Hornstein offered public comments regarding his experiences when he required services at NVMHI. Mr. Hornstein expressed his concern regarding not seeing individuals on the grounds of NVMHI when he has

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visited NVMHI for professional business. In addition, he expressed concerns specific to an acquaintance who was NGRI and Mr. Hornstein's specific concerns with the NGRI system. He requested to follow up with the Regional Advocate regarding specific concerns related to group homes in the area. Ms. Pascoe and Mr. Hornstein will plan to meet.

Mr. Hornstein asked about SHRC meeting attendance. Ms. Goldman advised that all SHRC meetings are open to the public excluding closed session. Mr. Hornstein requested a copy of the SHRC meeting schedule. Ms. Anglin will follow up.

VI 6:40p LHRC Business:

*Discuss current membership expirations and reapplications. Mr. Hornstein and Ms. Haenish membership will expire on 6/30/19. Reapplications were offered to both members to apply. Re-applications completed tonight will be submitted to Ms. Goldman.

*Training: review Program Rules requirements. Training materials provided. Discussion re: restrictions related to HCBS (individualized vs. global)

VII 6:50 OHR Advocate Report:

No new business to report.

VIII 7:00p New Business:

***Program Rules:** Dedicated Care Health Services program rules were presented. Reason for changes was discussed. Suggestions were made by LHRC in accordance with the human rights regulations. Provider to make changes.

Motion by: Ms. Gaade

Second by: Ms. Reeves. Motion approved by all.

7:30p *Program Rules: Northern Virginia Mental Health Institute (NVMHI), K unit restrictions.

Hand-outs distributed by Dr. Baron. Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity (NGRI) graduated release process at NVMHI was reviewed.

The problem attempting to be resolved by the use of proposed program rules, is that individuals can refuse to participate in treatment. This conflicts with the need to assess NGRI in active treatment. Proposed solution is to lock bedroom doors for all of unit K individuals during formal "core programming hours" of 10a – 3pm M - F.

Questions discussed by LHRC: bathroom access, uniform application, will the advisory group continue beyond the "roll out" of K 2.0?

The LHRC requested that the provider return to an LHRC meeting within the next few months to provide a report on the implementation of these new program rules.

LHRC suggested that more specific language be placed in the program rules that states that no use of physical force will be used to implement the proposed rules.

Motion by: Ms. Wacker

Second by: Ms. Gaade. Motion approved by all.

8:00p *Program Rules: CSI. Presented materials related to 6 different homes with

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individuals who have the following diagnosis or behavioral issues: Prader-Willi, diabetes, and individuals with food seeking behaviors. Refrigerator and pantry will have locks and cash boxes will be locked with money will be kept in office. These are new program rules. LHRC had a concern that the provider is seeking restrictions for an entire house for varying needs and abilities. LHRC recommended more individualized plans and did not approve the proposed program rules.

Motion by: Ms. Gaade

Second by: Ms. Wachter. Motion approved by all.

IX 8:20p Old Business/ Committee Reports:

*Bylaws: Follow up at May meeting following universal bylaws by SHRC.

X 8:30p Next Meeting: Wednesday 6/26/19 at 6:30p

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XI 8:35p Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:05p

Motion by: Ms. Wacker

Second by: Ms. Gaade. Motion approved by all