

HANOVER LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE (HLHRC)

Date: September 9, 2019.

Members Present:

Pamela Jones
Michael Stevens
Gina Koke
Brianne Jones
Kiva Gatewood

Members Absent:

Miranda Valentine-Fife
Joanna Frank
Stephen Crawford

Others Present:

Tammy Long, Senior Human Rights Advocate
Will Childress, State Human Rights Committee Member
Teneika Goldman, Deputy Director, Office of Human Rights

I. Welcome/Introductions

With a quorum present, Hanover LHRC Chairman, Gina Koke at 6:01 pm, called meeting to order. She welcomed everyone and introduction of committee members commenced.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes were reviewed and approved from June 10, 2019 meeting.

III. Public Comments

N/A

IV. Advocates Comments

Tammy Long informed the group that Samantha Fogt, Human Rights Advocate has resigned. A replacement support for the committee has not yet been named. Providers will need to update their Human Rights posters with updated contact information. Ms. Long proceeded to provide a training to the group regarding Dignity.

Deputy Director Goldman thanked the committee for their service and commitment. She recognized that there are issues with our state systems but that the LHRC's are working and that our service allows the process of ensuring individual's rights to happen. The Deputy Director and Mr. Childress are visiting all of the local committees to get a handle on what happens differently within each committee/inconsistencies, to observe, share information and assist with improving challenges.

V. Old Business

N/A

VI. New Business

Michael Stevens requested that we vote to remove Stephen Crawford from Committee as he has not attended the last three meetings. Mr. Stevens made a motion, seconded by Brianne Jones and approved by all.

VIII. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2019 at Key Support Services, LLC office.

IX. Closed Session

(In each of the cases noted below, the presenter requested to be heard in closed session. The committee made a motion to hear the request in closed session, approved and then made a motion to leave closed session at the conclusion of the presentation.)

REQUEST: Courtney Campbell with Blue Ridge Sponsored Residential presented a request to allow audio monitoring to avoid aspiration while sleeping and the use of a pillow to prevent the pulling unintentional pulling of a feeding tube.

RECOMMENDATION: This request does not constitute a “restriction” per the regulations so there was no need for the committee to vote on approval.

REQUEST: Courtney Campbell with Blue Ridge Sponsored Residential presented a request to lock cabinets containing food or sharp objects at night as well as a bathroom door for the health and safety of the individual who will wander at night with the possibility of self-injuring or ingesting inappropriate (raw, etc.) food.

RECOMMENDATION: Per Regulation 12VAC35-115-100.B.3.d this request was approved.

REQUEST: Courtney Campbell with Blue Ridge Sponsored Residential presented a request to allow a sponsored provider to use video monitoring at night to ensure the health and safety of individual supported who has complex medical issues.

RECOMMENDATION: Per Regulation 12VAC35-115-100.B.3.d this request was approved.

REQUEST: Jamie Johnson with Virginia Supportive Services presented a request to restrict the access of an individuals clothing due to Pica behaviors.

RECOMMENDATION: Not all requirements of Regulation 12VAC35-115-100B were met. Provider was asked to complete all required steps and return for approval.

X. Adjournment

There would be no further business; the meeting was adjourned at **7:29 p.m.**