

VA HIGHLANDS LHRC

Minutes

February 7, 2024

12:00

Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute

MEMBERS PRESENT

Stephanie Rutledge, PhD, LPC– Chairperson

Amelia Bland Waller, JB (retired) – Member

Laurie Anne Ferguson, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, FAANP - Member

Members Absent

Nancy Munsey – Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Heather Perry – DBHDS Human Rights Advocate

Mykala Sauls – DBHDS Human Rights Advocate

Rita Childress – Wall Residences

Shelia Walker Matthews- Wall Residences

Kaitlyn Carter – Danville Pittsylvania Community Services

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Stephanie Rutledge, chairperson, at 12:013 PM.

ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE

Those in attendance make introductions. Chair welcomes attendees.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda with the removal of SWVMHI restriction review was made by Amelia Bland Waller and Laurie Anne Ferguson seconded, and unanimously approved by all members in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the VA Highlands LHRC minutes from August 8, 2023 was made by Amelia Bland Waller, seconded by Stephanie Rutledge, and unanimously approved by all members in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mykala Sauls provided an update about SWVMHI including information on forensic admissions, police drop offs and upcoming renovations.

CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADVOCATE REPORT AND TRAINING

Heather Perry provided an advocate report. Please see attached.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion made by Stephanie Rutledge and seconded by Amelia Bland Waller, the committee entered closed session pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711, a.15 and §2.2-37.05.5 for the purpose of discussion of treatment plans.

- a. Wall Residences- Next Friend Request (12:35p)
- b. Danville-Pittsylvania Community Services-
 - b.1. Next Friend Request #1 (12:45P)
 - b.2. Next Friend Request #2 (12:55p)

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Upon reconvening in open session, each member certified that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only private business matters, lawfully exempted from statutory open session requirements and identified in the motion by which the closed session was convened, were considered in the closed session, namely, to review an Individual's restrictive plan.

A motion to accept items and recommendations discussed during closed session was made by Amelia Bland Waller, seconded by Stephanie Rutledge. Accepted unanimously by all members in attendance.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at 12:59pm. The next meeting will be held on April 9th, 2024 at Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute.

Virginia Highlands LHRC Advocate Report 1/9/2024

Q4 (10/1/2023-12/31/2023) ANE Data

There were 446 ANE/Complaints reported in CHRIS for the fourth quarter; 48 cases were substantiated.

Variances

There are no variances to be reviewed.

Updates

The Office of Human Rights sent out the request for the annual seclusion and restraint data on December 20, 2023 with a due date of January 15, 2024. Providers are to contact their Regional Manager if they have any questions or concerns.

Diana Atcha has accepted the Region 2 (NOVA) Manager position.

Alonzo Riggins has accepted the Training and Development Coordinator position.

Trainings

The previously scheduled statewide OHR provider trainings will resume on 1/18/2024. See attached statewide training schedule for future dates.

The next SHRC meeting will be held on January 18, 2024 in R4. See attached SHRC meeting schedule for future dates.