

NORTHERN VIRGINIA HOSPITAL LHRC MINUTES

6/25/2025

6:30pm

Northern Virginia Mental Health Institute

3302 Gallows Rd, Falls Church, VA 22042

TEAMS Webinar Meeting Link:

<https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/6583714d-19ce-4f79-b954-823f0d4eb179@620ae5a9-4ec1-4fa0-8641-5d9f386c7309>

LHRC Contact: Rachel Saunders, Human Rights Advocate: 804-426-3279

MEMBERS PRESENT

Diana Atcha – Regional Human Rights Advocate, Region #2

Nadya Said – Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS Region #2

Rachel Saunders – Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS Region #2

Brandon Cassady – LHRC Chairperson (virtual due to personal matter)

Sarah Zeinert- Vice Chairperson

Steven Gray – Member

Susan Evers – Member

Jocelyn Cohen – Member

Juanita James – Member

OTHERS PRESENT VIRTUALLY

Massa Bropleh – Fairfax-Falls Church CSB

Louis Cook – Fairfax-Fall Church CSB

Eugene Muyuka – Fairfax-Falls Church CSB

Emilia Formoso – APTS

Tomica Timmons – Arc of Greater Prince William

Cheryl Simpkins – MVLE

Derontae Mason – Albryte Support Services Group

Julie Allen – Allied Behavioral Consulting

Charles Ndubuisi Akwarandu – Volunteers of America Chesapeake, Inc.

Melissa Baxter – Volunteers of America Chesapeake, Inc.

ABSENT

Susan Haenisch- Member (Absent due to illness)

CALL TO ORDER

Brandon Cassady called the meeting to order at 6:38pm.

ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE

All those in attendance made an introduction.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Susan Evers motioned for the agenda to be approved.

Sarah Zeinert seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sarah Zeinert motioned for the minutes to be approved.

Steven Gray seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no chair announcements.

ADVOCATE REPORT AND TRAINING

Northern Virginia Hospital LHRC Advocate Report 6/25/2025

Region 2 ANE and Complaint Data

ANE Complaints CSB/Providers	
Q2 (FY2025) October 1 – December 30, 2024	Q3 (FY2025) January 1 – March 31, 2025
242	249
Substantiated = 57/242 = 24%	Substantiated = 79/249= 32 %
Non-ANE Complaints CSB/Providers	
Q2 (FY2025) October 1 – December 30, 2024	Q3 (FY2024) January 1 – March 31, 2025
55	35
Substantiated = 6/55= 11%	Substantiated = 1/35= .03%

Variances

Region 2 currently has one active variance for Youth For Tomorrow in regard to communication via telephone and visitation.

Updates

We are always recruiting LHRC members to join the LHRCs in Region 2. We are currently recruiting for members with Consumer, Professional, or Healthcare Provider Interests. Please contact the Regional Human Rights Manager Diana Atcha via email at Diana.Atcha@dbhds.virginia.gov or 804-426-3279 if you or someone you know interested in becoming a member of one of these committees.

Upcoming Events

2025 training opportunities are available for Community-Based Providers on the OHR training schedule. Check out the 2025 training opportunities on the DBHDS OHR webpage and register today:

[2025-New-Provider-Orientation-Calendar.pdf](#)

[PDF-2025-Community-Provider-Training-Calendar.Final_.pdf](#)

Upcoming 2025 SHRC Meetings

The next SHRC Meeting will be held on August 14th, 2025, in Region 5- Virginia Beach.

The full SHRC meeting schedule can be found here: [2025-SHRC-Meeting-Schedule-Web.docx](#)

CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion made by Brandon Cassady and seconded by Susan Evers, 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.

Individual #1: Fairfax CSB; Return to NVH LHRC on 8/27/2025.

Individual #2: Arc of Greater Prince William/MVLE; Return to NVH LHRC on 10/22/2025.

Individual #3: Albryte Services Support Group; Return to NVH LHRC on 8/27/2025.

Individual #4: Volunteers of America; Return to NVH LHRC on 8/27/2025.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Brandon Cassady motioned to certify 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. The motion was seconded by Susan Evers. The motion was certified by Jocelyn Cohen. All committee members certified.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm by Brandon Cassady.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on August 27th, 2025 at 6:30pm at NVMHI, 3302 Gallows Road, Falls Church, VA 22042.