

**LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE**

**02/29/16\***

*The meeting originally scheduled for 01/25/16 was rescheduled for 02/29/16.*

**Present:** Deborah Atno-Shelton, Acting LHRC Chair  
Jennifer H. Cline, Ph.D., LHRC Secretary  
Artea Ambrose, DBHDS/OHR Advocate  
Lora Cantwell, *Affiliate:Fam.Educ. Svcs.*  
Kathryn Dickerson, *Affiliate: Liberty Point*  
Kurt Holsopple, *Affiliate:Crossroads Counseling Ctrs.*  
Karyn Nicolai, *Affiliate:VHBC & VSS*  
Gretchen Wilhelm, *Affiliate:Compass Counseling Svcs.*  
Jenny Heilborn, *disAbility Law Center of Virginia (dLCV)*  
Jim Rankin, *Affiliate: NCG, Inc.-Staunton/H'burg*  
Michelle Dedrick, *Affiliate: VSDB*  
Gary Pelton, Ph.D., CCCA Clin. Dir.  
Jeffrey Aaron, Ph.D., CCCA Fac. Dir.

Sarah Russell, LHRC Member  
Cassie Purtlebaugh, DBHDS/OHR Regional Advocate  
Nikki Shriver, *Affiliate: Spectrum Transformation Group*  
Taylor Davis, *Affiliate: Liberty Point*  
Erin Haase, *Affiliate: Family Pres. Svcs. Inc.*  
Nicki Shepard, *Affiliate:Compass Counseling Svcs.*  
Teresa Bouthillier, *Affiliate:Intercept/MHS & IHHS*  
Heather Belcher, *Affiliate:Intercept Youth Svcs.-Shen. House*  
Jennifer Lawhorn, *Affiliate: VSDB*  
Emily Morrison, Ph.D., CCCA Unit Clin. Dir.  
Pam White, CCCA LHRC Liaison

**Absent:** Greg Czyszczon, Ph.D., LHRC Member  
Deidre Pritt, LHRC Member

**Guests:** Trepin Tate, Health Connect America  
Doug Blackburn, Health Connect America

**Minutes Prepared by:** Pamela White, CCCA Liaison  
**Approved by:** *Jennifer Cline PhD LPC*  
Jennifer Cline, Secretary

CURRENT AGENDA	FUTURE AGENDA
1. Call to Order; Review of Minutes	1. Call to Order; Review of Minutes
2. General: Affiliated Programs	2. General: Affiliated Programs
3. Advocate's Report	3. Advocate's Report
4. CCCA Facility Director's Report	4. CCCA Facility Director's Report
5. Adjourn	5. <b>The next regular CCCA LHRC meeting has been scheduled for 04/18/16 @ 10:00am.</b>

1. Deborah Atno-Shelton, Acting LHRC Chair called the meeting to order with roundtable introductions of all present and a review of the CCCA LHRC minutes of 10/19/15.

Action: The motion was made by Sarah Russell-Member that the CCCA LHRC minutes of 10/19/15 be approved as presented and Jennifer Cline, Ph.D.-Secretary seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

2. **Affiliations: Annual Reports**  
Taylor Davis, *Affiliate:Liberty Point*, Heather Belcher, *Affiliate:Intercept Youth Svcs.-Shen. House*, Michelle Dedrick, *Affiliate:VSDB*, and Erin Haase, *Affiliate:Family Pres. Svcs. Inc.* each presented the Annual Report for their programs.

Action: The CCCA LHRC accepted the reports as presented.

**Affiliations: Requests**

Trepin Tate-Health Connect America presented his program, formerly known as Counseling Interventions, Inc., for affiliation. He stated that the program primarily offered mentoring and intensive in-home services in the Charlottesville and Harrisonburg area.

Gretchen Wilhelm, *Affiliate:Compass Counseling Svcs.* announced a future expansion in services to include crisis intervention services in the areas of Harrisonburg, Staunton, Lexington, and Charlottesville.

Action: The CCCA LHRC welcomed Health Connect America, noting that the program was already affiliated with Rappahannock Rapidan Community Services LHRC. The CCCA LHRC also thanked Compass Counseling Services for the program's update.

3. Cassie Purtlebaugh-DBHDS Regional Advocate announced that Mark Seymour, Senior Human Rights Advocate for Region 1, resigned from state service in mid-December and that an advertisement for his position closed on January 8, 2016. This position covers Western State Hospital (WSH) and the Commonwealth Center for Children and Adolescents (CCCA). Candidate interviews have started, with announcements to follow. Ms. Purtlebaugh will continue to provide advocate coverage to WSH and CCCA until the vacancy is filled. She added that Nan Neese retired from State Service on 02/24/16 and that candidates for an OHR ID/DD advocate position are in the interview process; an announcement is pending for this position as well as for a VCBR position and a Region 3 Advocate position very soon. Lana Hurt will joining Region 1/2 in mid-March and will triage coverage throughout the region. Additionally, the State Human Rights Committee (SHRC) is recruiting for 2 new members; interested parties should contact an advocate.

Ms. Purtlebaugh also reported several Statewide changes in the Office of Human Rights (OHR):

- On February 1st, Region 6 was combined with Region 4. This was done so that DBHDS OHR regions will align with the other DBHDS offices. Both Beverly Garnes and Mike Curseen will provide the management to this expanded region.
- Due regional realignment the following changes have been made:
  - Tammy Long is now part of Regions 1 and 2 and will assume the responsibility for CVTC as well as the surrounding counties.
  - Mandy Crowder will move under Region 3 and she will assist temporarily with advocacy at VCBR.
  - Taneika Goldman has moved to Central Office to assist with the implementation of the new regulations. She will also continue with a small caseload in the Richmond area.

Ms. Purtlebaugh reported that the Office of Human Rights has proposed updated *Rules and Regulations to Assure the Rights of Individuals Receiving Services from Providers Licensed, Funded, or Operated by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS)*. These regulations were approved by the Governor. They were submitted to the Registrar in December, 2015, for a 60-day period which ended on February 14, 2016. Revisions will be brought to the DBHDS State Board in April, 2016 for final adoption of the new regulations. The period for public comments closed on 02/12/16 and Ms Prut will keep you updated of the progress. She added that the new regulations would change several administrative functions regarding LHRCs and include notifications from affiliated provided, rather than requiring voting. The new regulations will also affect reporting and the CHRIS data system but until then, usage will be the same. OHR staff from across the state will be meeting on March 23<sup>rd</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> and receive training on the proposed regulations. Thereafter, DBHDS OHR will provide training to LHRCs and its affiliates. Ms. Purtlebaugh stated that OHR partners regularly with the Office of Licensure (OL) for investigations and that OHR compliance site visits may resemble OL visits.

4. Jeffrey Aaron, Ph.D., Facility Director provided the Facility Director's Report by presenting an update on several facility building projects and improvements, noting that the play area has been completed and is open. He stated that there is a trend towards increased admissions during the Spring and beds fill quickly; he anticipated that March admissions activity would be active. Dr. Aaron present two Center Instructions (CI) for approval: *CI No. 1117 Video Monitoring* and *CI No. 2624 Search and Prohibited Items Policy*. The video monitoring instruction was developed in accordance with the Center's video system and provides guidelines regarding it's use, training, and supervision. Patients, families, and staff have been notified regarding the implementation of video capability at the Center; new patients and families are notified on admission. The search and prohibited items policy was updated and defines prohibited items, although the clinical treatment team may request an exemption for a specific patient.

Action: The motion was made by Dr. Cline that *CI No. 1117 Video Monitoring* and *CI No. 2624 Search and Prohibited Items Policy* be approved as presented and Ms. Russell seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

5. A motion was made and passed to go into closed session pursuant to VA Code §2.2-3711 for purposes including but not limited to the protection of the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business and/or the discussion or consideration of medical and mental records.

Action: Upon reconvening in open session, the CCCA LHRC certified to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the closed session were discussed in closed session. Motions were made and seconded regarding CCCA LHRC approval of two restrictive programs as presented; the motion passed unanimously. Approval for the third program that was presented was tabled, pending further information with the stipulation that the clinical treatment team continue in efforts of keeping the patient and environment safe. The CCCA LHRC also requested general follow-up information regarding the use of the emergency restraint chair.

6. With no further CCCA LHRC business, motions were made and seconded; the meeting was adjourned.