

# LHRC Meeting Minutes

# November 16, 2006

LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

## Agenda Action Items

## Action

Minutes — July 6, 2006  
Carilion Policy and Procedure

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## Welcome

**Introductions** — Chairman Bill Fitzpatrick welcomed Yannis Stivachtis, a professor at Virginia Tech, who is seeking membership on the New River Valley LHRC.

**Minutes: July 6, 2006** — The committee reviewed the minutes and had no objections. Ms. Myal motioned to approve the minutes and Dr. Tessnear seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously. The committee also recognized the failure to meet quorum on September 7, 2006, thus having no minutes to approve for September.

**Regional Advocate's Report** — Nan Neese

**Public Comment Period and Hearings Update** — Ms. Neese expressed to the Committee that the Comment Period and Hearings are almost complete. She explained that most of the proposed revisions were for clarification purposes and the comments are currently in a state of review. She also stated that the seminar was postponed until next fall in order to complete the reviews and promulgate the revisions.

**Distribution of *Human Writes*** — Ms. Neese explained that the *Human Writes* newsletter that was sent out in the members packets is intended for general knowledge for the members and to encourage dialogue across the Commonwealth. She stated that the next newsletter would be published at the end of January.

**LHRC Web Link** — Ms. Neese recognized Mike Wade on his outstanding work on the LHRC Web link available on NRVCS' website ([www.nrvcs.org](http://www.nrvcs.org)).

**Review of Affiliation Agreement** — Ms. Neese distributed the revised Affiliation Agreement which reflected a few minor changes. Affiliates are required to pay an annual fee which would be used for seminar registration fees and related costs, to reimburse members for transportation to the meetings, and refreshments for the meetings. Affiliates are required to attend at least 2 meeting per year. Once a year, affiliates must report on occurrences such as licenses sought, allegations, serious injuries, inpatient deaths, and other human rights activities.

**Human Rights Activity Reports** — Braley and Thompson's report was postponed until the January meeting.

**Revised Procedure and Activity Reports: St. Albans** — Mike Turner presented members with a brief description of Carilion St. Albans Behavioral Health Services. He then reported for FY 2005-2006: 2 physical restraints, 2 injuries, 2 deaths, and 0 complaints. Chairman Bill Fitzpatrick questioned one of the restraint episodes. Members suggested that in the future it would be beneficial to have more information readily available where there are events requiring extended periods of restraint. Dr. Tessnear motioned to accept the report and Ms. Myal seconded. The committee unanimously accepted the report.

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## **Members Absent:**

Angela Sutphin

## **Others Present:**

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Mike Turner, St. Albans

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Russell Payne, DMHMRSAS

Marie Payner, St. Albans

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**CIT Training** — Marie Payner of St. Albans relayed to the members information regarding CIT Training of Police Officers. She described that the purpose of this training is to allow officers to recognize a Mental Health crisis when faced with one. This training helps officers determine whether a person needs to be taken into custody or instead, be screened to allow proper help. The goal to have 20% of officers involved in this training was attained last year and the number of officers CIT trained continues to grow. The CIT office called area CSB's 12 times last year for screenings, and the number of people seen in a month has ranged from 20-33. This number continues to grow because officers can now recognize a MH crisis. Ms. Payner also explained that there is now funding available to have an Access worker on hand.

Darlet Colley of St. Albans had submitted the revised procedures to the use of Restraint and Physical Holds. Ms. Colley pointed out that she had reorganized the document to more clearly present their procedures. She stated that a Mental Health Advance Directive was also added. This Directive allows a patient to make staff aware of any Behavioral Health issues and treatment preferences. Ms. Myal questioned the policy's generic terminology "brief period" in referencing how long someone would be in restraints. Regardless of the amount of time a patient is restrained, the event must be fully documented. Ms. Myal motioned to approve the policies and Mr. Fitzpatrick seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by the committee.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Ms. Gland moved that the NRV LHRC convene into a closed meeting in accordance with §2.2.3711.A(4) of the Code of VA to protect the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business to conduct an interview of an applicant, namely for membership on the LHRC. The motion was seconded by Ms. Myal and passed.

The Committee reconvened in public session. Dr. Tessnear made the motion to certify that to the best of her knowledge only those matters lawfully exempted from public business and identified in the motion were heard, discussed and considered by the LHRC. Ms. Myal seconded the motion and each member so certified.

**Request for Affiliation:** Dr. Tina Trudel, CEO of Lakeview Healthcare Systems and Teresa Poole, Director of Lakeview Blue Ridge, had submitted an information packet and presented an overview this new service to the members. Lakeview Blue Ridge, located at 1510 Seneca Drive, is a community integrated program for adults with neurobehavioral diagnoses, typically traumatic brain injury, acquired brain injury and other related medical conditions. Dr. Trudel stated that the center will be seeking either CARF or JACHO accreditation following licensing. This organization is currently licensed in two other areas of the Commonwealth. The Committee had received a copy of the OHR approval letter of the human rights policy. Having failed to submit copies of the Human Rights Policy and Procedure prior to the agenda deadline, Ms. Poole distributed copies to the members for their review and comment. Ms. Myal motioned to grant a temporary Affiliation until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the LHRC to allow sufficient opportunity for thorough review of the policy. Dr. Tessnear seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.