

**MINUTES**  
**LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**New College Institute - Martinsville, VA**  
**February 21, 2017 – 4:00 P.M.**

**LHRC MEMBERS ATTENDING:** Sharon Hooker and Jim Rountree

**OTHERS ATTENDING:** Donna Hodges, Memorial Hospital, Karen White, Innovative Family Services, Laura Layman, PARC, Pamela Pritchett, Stepping Stones, Inc., Valerie Udofia, Life Stages, Inc. David Hamilton, CALM Source, LLC, Gamel McGhee and Frederick Mack, Praises MHS, Rich Steare, Infinity Acres, Becky Lovell and Ron Hairston, Piedmont Community Services, and Mandy Crowder, Human Rights Advocate.

**LHRC MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jim Potter, Nancy Sprinkle and Davin Estep

**I. Call to Order** – Jim Rountree, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. after verifying that a quorum was not present.

**II. Approval of November 15, 2016 minutes**

There was not a quorum present at this meeting. Upon reviewing the minutes from the November 15, 2016 meeting, Sharon Hooker made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Jim Rountree made a motion to “suspend the rules” and proceeded to second the motion. Attending committee members voted to approve the minutes as presented. Becky will call other LHRC members and ask for their verbal approval of the minutes.

NOTE: Becky Lovell talked with Nancy Sprinkle on February 22, 2017, 11:45 am regarding approval of the November 15, 2016 minutes. Ms. Sprinkle verbally approved the minutes as presented as she was out of town and could not attend the meeting.

**III. Advocate’s Report – Mandy Crowder**

a. Mandy reported that this will be the last Piedmont Community Services LHRC Meeting and this LHRC will be consolidated with the Southside and Danville LHRCs going forward. She advised the affiliates to watch for an email giving the date of the next meeting in Danville when officers will be appointed. Future meetings will be held at the Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute. Jim Rountree, Davin Estep, Nancy Sprinkle and Jim Potter have expressed interest in serving on the consolidated committee if they are needed. The new committee will have 7-9 committee members. Mandy would like to have all service areas represented. Committee members will serve three year terms and will meet quarterly. No remaining or partial terms will carry forward to the new committee. Affiliates are not required to attend all meetings going forward but will need to attend when they have something such as a Behavioral Plan or Next Friend request to present.

Becky sent out information on LHRC training in Wytheville, VA, scheduled on March 2, 9:00 am – 4:30 pm. This training will include the new regulations. Karen Taylor with the Attorney General’s office is handling this training. The last day to register is Friday, February 24.

**IV. Other:**

a. None

**V. Public Comments**

None

**VI.** No future LHRC meetings were scheduled. The Piedmont Community Services LHRC will be consolidated with the Danville LRHC effective immediately.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Becky Lovell