

# MINUTES SWVMHI LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING



Thursday, January 14, 2010  
Marion Youth Center & SWVMHI  
11:00 A.M.

## **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Elouise Vaught, Vice Chair  
Willie McFarlane  
Rachel Jones

## **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Deidra Mathena, Chair  
Peggy Phipps

## **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., Director, SWVMHI  
Colin Barrom, Ph.D., Psychology Director, SWVMHI  
Mike Jones, Ph.D., Programs Director, SWVMHI  
Rick Bridges, Administrator, Marion Youth Center  
Tonya Trivett, Director of Nursing, Marion Youth Center  
Janice Collins, Quality Management, Marion Youth Center  
Deborah Jones, L.C.S.W., Human Rights Advocate  
Lisa Berry, CPS, Secretary

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The Local Human Rights Committee (L.H.R.C) was called to order by Elouise Vaught, Vice Chairperson, at 12:15 Noon on Thursday, January 14, 2010, at Marion Youth Center.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made and unanimously approved to accept the minutes of the November 12, 2009, meeting.

## **KEYSTONE YOUTH OF MARION**

Rick Bridges, Administrator, Marion Youth Center, welcomed the L.H.R.C. to the facility and arranged for the members to tour the building, meet staff, and observe students in the classroom. Also introduced to the members was the facility's pet therapy dog.

*The motion was made and passed to go into Closed Session pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711.A.(4) and (15), for the protection of privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business and to review medical records, namely to conduct a review pursuant to the regulations.*

*Upon reconvening in public session, the Local Human Rights Committee unanimously certified that 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 the Closed Session.*

The following reports, including client-identifying information, were heard:

### **ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS (Closed Session)**

Janice Collins, Marion Youth Center, provided the L.H.R.C. with a report of abuse and neglect cases for the period of November - December, 2009.

### **SECLUSION/RESTRAINT REVIEW OF Y-T-D DATA (Closed Session)**

Janice Collins, Marion Youth Center, presented a review of the seclusion/restraint data for the period of November - December, 2009.

### **COMPLAINTS (Closed Session)**

Janice Collins, Marion Youth Center, presented the L.H.R.C. with the complaints received during the period of November - December, 2009.

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### REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF GERIATRIC SERVICES WARD RULES

Mike Jones, Ph.D., Programs Director, Geriatric Services, presented the L.H.R.C. with changes to the ward rules for the Geriatric Unit. Changes to the rules include the following:

- Visiting hours were previously 9:00 – 11:00 A.M., 1:00 – 4:00 P.M., and 6:00 – 8:00 P.M. daily. These hours were conflicting with activities, bathing, treatment, etc. Visiting hours have been changed to 1:00 – 4:00 P.M. and 6:00 – 8:00 P.M. daily. Exceptions may be made by arrangement with the Treatment Team, Nurse Coordinator, and/or Programs Director.
- A recent Medicaid audit by Clifton Gunderson revealed that the unit was not making its Medicaid patients aware of services being provided. On page 17 of the ward rules a section was added entitled *Medicaid Recipients Information Listing of Covered and Non-Covered Services*.
- Contact information was added to the *Conclusion* section of the ward rules on page 19 listing telephone numbers for the Patient Advocate, Facility Compliance Officer, Local Ombudsman, and Joint Commission.

A motion was made by Rachel Jones to approve the changes made to the Geriatric Services Ward Rules, the motion was seconded by Willie McFarlane and passed unanimously.

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### BARRIERS TO DISCHARGE REPORT (Closed Session)

Mike Jones, Ph.D., reviewed with the Committee the current Barriers to Discharge Report for patients within SWVMHI.

### SECLUSION/RESTRAINT REVIEW OF Y-T-D DATA (Closed Session)

Mike Jones, Ph.D., presented the L.H.R.C. with Supine Restraint Episodes for the period of 1999-2009 as previously requested by the Committee.

Colin Barrom, Ph.D., presented a review of the seclusion/restraint data for the period of November – December 2009. Training of SWVMHI staff will be provided in the near future to assist them in dealing with the more challenging patients.

**ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORT (Closed Session)**

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**COMPLAINTS (Closed Session)**

Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., provided the L.H.R.C. with Complaint data for the period of November – December 2009.

**DIRECTOR'S ISSUES (Open Session)**

Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., presented the L.H.R.C. with the following updates:

- *A Federal Medicare and Medicaid Survey* was conducted at the facility this week on Wards A, B, C, D, F, and H. There were no deficiencies sited. There were a few findings but nothing that required a plan of correction. The surveyors were very pleased on how the facility was emerging into a recovery-oriented facility. The surveyors did state that the facility was not giving itself enough credit for the number of hours of active treatment being provided.
- *Budget.* Governor Kaine has proposed closure of the Adolescent Unit at SWVMHI and CCCA by June 2010. Also proposed is the closure of the Geriatric Unit at SWVMHI by June 2011.
- *Retirement.* The facility has several staff leaving with the enhanced retirement package within the next month.

**ADVOCATE/COMMITTEE ISSUES**

Deborah Jones reported for *Ridgeview Pavilion* stating that they had no episodes of seclusion/restraint, abuse/neglect, or formal complaints during the months of November – December 2009.

The SHRC will meet on Friday, January 22, 2010. The nomination of Mark Fendig as a member to the SWVMHI L.H.R.C. is on the agenda for review and approval.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next L.H.R.C. meeting is scheduled to be held on **Thursday, March 11, 2010**, at 12:00 Noon in Conference Room 106 of the Henderson Building.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 P.M.

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Chair