

MINUTES SWVMHI LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING



Thursday, February 19, 2009
SWVMHI "C" Building Conference Room
12:00 Noon

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Elouise Vaught, Vice-Chairperson
Willie McFarlane
Rachel Jones

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Deidra Mathena, Chair

OTHERS PRESENT:

Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., Facility Director, SWVMHI
Colin Barron, Ph.D., Psychology Director, SWVMHI
Russ McGrady, M.A., M.B.A., Clinical Director, SWVMHI
Jennifer Cregger, L.C.S.W., Clinical Social Worker, Geriatric Services, SWVMHI
Rick Bridges, CEO, Keystone Youth of Marion
Robin Poe, R.N., Director of Nursing, Keystone Youth of Marion
Janice Collins, Training Coordinator, Keystone Youth of Marion
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 12:00 Noon on Thursday, February 19, 2009, in the “C” Building Conference Room of Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and unanimously approved to accept the minutes of the November 13, 2008, meeting.

SWVMHI

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 and actions taken:

BARRIERS TO DISCHARGE REPORT (Closed Session)

Russ McGrady, M.A., M.B.A., Clinical Director, reviewed with the Committee the current Barriers to Discharge Report for patients within SWVMHI for the period of November 7 to December 31, 2008. Mr. McGrady also reviewed patients who are on the Extraordinary Barriers List. Mr. McGrady explained to the Committee that currently there are no external funds available to assist in discharge planning, as funds have already been expended for the fiscal year.

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

Colin Barrom, Ph.D., Psychology Director, presented a review of the seclusion/restraint data for the period of November 2008 to January 2009.

ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORT (Closed Session)

Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., Facility Director, provided the L.H.R.C. with a report of abuse and neglect cases for the period of November 2008– January 2009.

COMPLAINTS (Closed Session)

Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., Facility Director, provided the L.H.R.C. with a report of the number of complaints received at SWVMHI for the period of November 2008 – January 2009.

UPDATE ON GERIATRIC PATIENT(Closed Session)

Jennifer Cregger, L.C.S.W., Clinical Social Worker, presented the Committee with an update on a Geriatric patient the Committee has been following for the past several months. A suggestion was made that another discipline, e.g. Psychology, review the patient's case for a different perspective. Mrs. Cregger was agreeable in passing this suggestion onto the Treatment Team. The L.H.R.C. to review patient at its next regular meeting.

DIRECTOR'S ISSUES (Open Session)

Dr. McClaskey updated the Committee on the following issues:

- An unannounced complaint-driven survey was conducted by Joint Commission on February 9, 2009, at the facility. The surveyor reviewed documents, but never visited any of the wards. The concerns seemed to surround physician issues. There were minor findings within the Medical Department.
- Dr. Kenneth Slater has been hired as a General Medical physician. A psychiatrist will start work May 2009 on Ward B; a Child/Adolescent psychiatrist will also begin in May. Two nurse practitioners have been hired—Martha Larimer and Deresa Hall – and will start work at the facility on March 10, 2009. Ms. Hall will be working with Dr. Crisp on the Geriatric Unit. Dr. Judith Reid and Dr. Lily Hodges have resigned from the facility. There are physician vacancies on Ward A and Wards I/J.
- The Adolescent Unit is slated to close March 1, 2009. Dr. McClaskey has worked diligently to not lay any staff off. The Senate currently wants to fully fund our 16-bed Adolescent Unit, however, the House and the Senate must come to an agreement prior to a decision being made by the Governor. If the unit is closed, it will take 45 days to re-open if directed to do so.

KEYSTONE YOUTH OF MARION

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ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS (Closed Session)

Janice Collins provided the L.H.R.C. with a report of abuse and neglect cases for the months of November 2008 – January 2009.

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

Janice Collins presented a review of the seclusion/restraint data for the period of November 2008 – January 2009.

COMPLAINTS (Closed Session)

Janice Collins presented the L.H.R.C. with the complaints received at Keystone during the months of November 2008 – January 2009.

ADMINISTRATOR'S ISSUES (Open Session)

Rick Bridges, CEO of Keystone Youth of Marion, updated the Committee on the following issues:

- ❖ A three-day retreat for staff was held in December and was very beneficial to everyone who participated.
- ❖ Keystone continues to closely scrutinize the types of adolescents admitted to their facility.
- ❖ The procedure for auditing charts has been changed, and now one-hundred percent of the charts are audited.
- ❖ A debriefing with all lead workers is now being held the last fifteen minutes of each shift.
- ❖ Dr. Ndem and Dr. Inocalla have been hired as psychiatrists. A Program Director has been hired and starts to work on February 23, 2009. An Activity Therapist has also been hired. The Clinical Director position remains vacant and recruitment continues.
- ❖ Several new changes to the building are taking place. The quiet room has been enhanced, space has been added to the front lobby area in order to better utilize the conference room. New furniture, carpet, and mattresses have been ordered. The canvas on the outside fencing is being replaced and new cameras are being added to the building.

ADVOCATE/COMMITTEE ISSUES

Deborah Jones, Human Rights Advocate, announced that effective January 8, 2009, that Senior Life Solutions closed. There were no episodes of seclusion/restraint, abuse/neglect, or formal complaints for the period of November 2008 – January 8, 2009.

Deborah Jones also reported for Ridgeview Pavilion as they had no episodes of seclusion/restraint, abuse/neglect, or formal complaints during November 2008 – January 2009.

Mrs. Jones explained to the Committee how the region was being restructured and the additional areas that she will be providing coverage in.

A letter from Margaret Walsh, Human Rights Director, was disseminated to members explaining the need for LHRCs to accept additional affiliations of providers in the area as needed. It was explained that if this was not possible on a permanent basis, then the LHRC is encouraged to consider granting temporary affiliations until the provider(s) establish a new local committee. It was noted that some LHRCs serve 20 or more providers.

The LHRC reviewed and approved the 2009 Meeting Schedule. The meeting schedule will be posted on SWVMHI's website.

Mrs. Jones provided training to the LHRC members on the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next L.H.R.C. meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, March 12, 2009**, at 12 Noon in Room 106 of the Henderson Building on the grounds of SWVMHI.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 P.M.

Chair

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