

MINUTES SWVMHI LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING



Thursday, March 26, 2009
SWVMHI Henderson Building ~ Room 106
12:00 Noon

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Deidra Mathena, Chair
Elouise Vaught
Willie McFarlane
Rachel Jones

OTHERS PRESENT:

Russ McGrady, M.A., M.B.A., Clinical Director, SWVMHI
Robyn Anderson, L.C.S.W., Community Services Director, 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
Paige Wright, Education Director, Keystone Youth of Marion
Peggy Phipps, Prospective Member
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, March 26, 2009, in the Henderson 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 February 19, 2009, 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 Committee brought forth a question to the facility in regard to whether vital signs are taken on new admissions and also if vital signs are monitored while a patient is in seclusion and/or restraint. Russ McGrady, Clinical Director, explained that patients in seclusion/restraint are fully supervised by staff and seen by a physician within one hour of being placed in seclusion/restraint. The Committee requested that Mr. McGrady follow-up with Nursing Administration to determine if this is addressed in facility policy and procedures.

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

BARRIERS TO DISCHARGE REPORT (Closed Session)

Robyn Anderson, L.C.S.W., Community Services Director, reviewed with the Committee the current Barriers to Discharge Report for patients within SWVMHI.

The Committee was complimentary of the new format of the Barriers to Discharge report, stating it was very easy to read.

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

Russ McGrady, M.A., M.B.A., Clinical Director, presented a review of the seclusion/restraint data for the month of February 2009.

ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORT (Closed Session)

Russ McGrady, M.A., M.B.A., Clinical Director, provided the L.H.R.C. with a report of abuse and neglect cases for the month of February 2009.

COMPLAINTS (Closed Session)

Russ McGrady, M.A., M.B.A., Clinical Director, provided the L.H.R.C. with a report of the number of complaints received at SWVMHI for the month of February 2009.

DIRECTOR'S ISSUES (Open Session)

Mr. McGrady updated the Committee on the following issues:

- The Inspector General visited the facility again this week; he arrived on Sunday and remained through Monday. The Inspector General's Office is trying to move facilities across the state to being more recovery focused. A report from the Inspector General's Office is expected within the next few months.
- The Adolescent Unit at the facility remains open with a cap of 10 patients until the unit is fully staffed again.
- The facility has hired two Nurse Practitioners. Deresa Hall will be working with Dr. Crisp on the Geriatric Unit, and Martha Larimer will be working with Dr. Slater, who sees patients throughout the facility in regard to medical needs. A psychiatrist for the Adolescent Unit starts in May. Physician vacancies remain at the facility on Ward A, Ward B, and on Wards I/J.

KEYSTONE YOUTH OF MARION

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

ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS (Closed Session)

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

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COMPLAINTS (Closed Session)

Janice Collins presented the L.H.R.C. with the complaints received at Keystone during the month of February 2009.

ADMINISTRATOR'S ISSUES (Open Session)

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

- New furniture arrived for the facility last week.
- Administration has been conducting more meetings with all three shifts and with all disciplines and working with staff on documentation issues.
- A Recreation Therapist, an Activity Therapist, a new Business Director, and a new Intake Coordinator have been hired.
- Recruitment continues for a Master's level Therapist and a Clinical Director.

REVIEW OF REVISIONS TO RESIDENT PROGRAM HANDBOOK

Paige Wright, Education Director, presented the newly revised Resident Program Handbook to the L.H.R.C. members for review and recommendation. Ms. Wright explained that the new handbook was more user friendly. A new point system was added that allows the residents to earn points rather than lose points.

The Committee members made recommendations for minor revisions to the handbook. The Committee commended staff for their excellent work on the handbook.

ADVOCATE/COMMITTEE ISSUES

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

The Committee conducted an interview with Peggy Phipps, a prospective member. Subsequent to the interview, a motion was made by Rachel Jones to nominate Ms. Phipps to serve as a member on the SWVMHI L.H.R.C. The motion was seconded by Elouise Vaught and unanimously approved. Application packet to be forwarded to the State Human Rights Committee for review and approval at their next meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next L.H.R.C. meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, May 8, 2009**, at 12 Noon in Room 106 of the Henderson Building on the grounds of SWVMHI.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

Chair

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