

DRAFT MINUTES SWVMHI LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING



Thursday, July 9, 2009
SWVMHI Henderson Building ~ Room 106
12:00 Noon

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Elouise Vaught, Vice Chair
Willie McFarlane
Rachel Jones

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Deidra Mathena, Chair
Peggy Phipps

OTHERS PRESENT:

Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., Facility Director, SWVMHI
Robyn Anderson, L.C.S.W., Community Services Director, SWVMHI
Jennifer Cregger, L.C.S.W., Clinical Social Worker, SWVMHI
Mark Fendig, 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, July 9, 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 March 26, 2009, meeting.

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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.

UPDATE ON GERIATRIC PATIENT

Jennifer Cregger, L.C.S.W., Clinical Social Worker, provided the Committee with an update on a Geriatric patient that the Committee has been following for several months. Deborah Jones, Human Rights Advocate, extended her appreciation to the Committee for their questions and concerns regarding the patient and also to Jennifer Cregger in regard to the care provided to the patient. Mrs. Cregger noted that it was good to have an outside opinion (i.e., the L.H.R.C.) regarding the patient.

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. Mrs. Anderson reported that there were no new RDAP funds for fiscal year 2010; however, the CSBs do have discharge assistance funds.

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 March – June 2009.

ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORT (Closed Session)

Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., provided the L.H.R.C. with a report of abuse and neglect cases for the period of March 26 – June 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 March – June 2009.

DIRECTOR'S ISSUES (Open Session)

Dr. McClaskey updated the Committee on the following issues:

- The facility is being asked to generate and submit budget impact analysis in the amounts of 5%, 10%, and 15% to Central Office.
- The facility has had two surveys since the Committee's last meeting. *The Joint Commission* came to the facility June 25-26, 2009, to conduct the Periodic Performance Review. The surveyor was very impressed with things the facility had accomplished. *DMAS* conducted their annual unannounced survey on the Geriatric Unit June 16-19, 2009.

Committee members were provided a tour by Dr. Colin Barrom of the new Sensory/Comfort Rooms on each of the units throughout SWVMHI.

KEYSTONE YOUTH OF MARION

Items for Keystone were tabled until the next Committee meeting.

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 March – June 2009.

The Committee welcomed *Mark Fendig, a prospective member to the Committee*. Mr. Fendig requested to sit in on today's meeting and decide at a later time if he is interested in membership.

Nomination/Election of new officers to the L.H.R.C. for the next year were held. A motion was made by Rachel Jones to nominate Deidra Mathena as Chair; the motion was seconded by Willie McFarlane and unanimously approved. A motion was made by Rachel Jones to nominate Elouise Vaught as Vice Chair; the motion was seconded by Willie McFarlane and unanimously approved.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next L.H.R.C. meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, September 10, 2009**, at 12 Noon in Room 106 of the Henderson Building on the grounds of SWVMHI.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:04 P.M.

Chair

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