

DRAFT MINUTES SWVMHI LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING



**Wednesday, July 28, 2010
SWVMHI – Henderson Conference Room 106
12:00 Noon**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Deidra Mathena, Chair
Mark Fendig
Elouise Vaught
Willie McFarlane
Rachel Jones

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Peggy Phipps

OTHERS PRESENT:

Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., Director, SWVMHI
Colin Barron, Ph.D., Psychology Director, SWVMHI
Robyn Anderson, Community Services Director, SWVMHI
Rick Bridges, Administrator, Marion Youth Center
Janice Collins, Quality Assurance, Marion Youth Center
Tonya Moore, Director of Nursing, 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 Deidra Mathena, Chairperson, at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, July 28, 2010, at Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute, “C” Building Conference Room.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the L.H.R.C. Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2010. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

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.

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 May - June 2010.

Formal Complaints (Closed Session)

Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., provided the L.H.R.C. with the number of formal complaints received at the facility during the period of January – June 2010.

Barriers to Discharge Report (Closed Session)

Robyn Anderson reviewed with the Committee the current Barriers to Discharge Report for patients within SWVMHI. Robyn reported that the number of patients currently on the list had decreased, with only one patient on the list from the facility’s Extended Rehab Services Unit. There were 16 patients discharged within 11 weeks from the RFD list. She noted that the primary issue with barriers to discharge now is financial reasons.

Seclusion/Restraint Review Of Y-T-D Data (Closed Session)

Colin Barrom, Ph.D., presented a review of the seclusion/restraint data for the period of May - June 2010. Dr. McClaskey noted that SWVMHI is not that far behind other states in regard to restraint utilization, however, seclusion rates are a bit higher. SWVMHI uses NRI comparative data with over 65 other facilities in the United States.

Next Friend Request of Geriatric Patient (Closed Session)

David Mumpower, M.S.W., Geriatric Services, came before the L.H.R.C. to request approval for one of the Geriatric patients to have a *Next Friend* appointed as their authorized representative. Mr. Mumpower provided a brief history and background information on the patient and reasons why a Next Friend was being asked to serve in this capacity. The individual has been involved in the care and treatment of the patient for a number of years, as well as handling financial affairs for them.

Deborah Jones, L.C.S.W., explained that as of July 1, 2010, the Code of Virginia has been revised to include the *Next Friend* in the line of priority to serve as an individual's authorized representative.

The L.H.R.C. was in agreement of this request for the *Next Friend* to serve in the capacity of Authorized Representative.

Director's Issues

Dr. McClaskey provided the following updates to the Committee:

- The Adolescent Unit at SWVMHI has been closed. The unit was closed without laying any staff off. Dr. McClaskey noted that Lisa Moore, Director of Mt. Rogers CSB, has been asked to provide the effects of the closure on the CSB.
- Plans continue to close the Geriatric Unit by June 2011.
- Three new Patient Abuse Investigators have been appointed and trained at the facility: Denise King, Gary Lyons, and Jim Moon.

MARION YOUTH CENTER

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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 May - June 2010.

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 May - June 2010.

COMPLAINTS (Closed Session)

Janice Collins, Marion Youth Center, presented the L.H.R.C. with the complaints received during the period of May - June, 2010.

Marion Youth Center to provide an update on one of their clients at the September 2010 L.H.R.C. meeting.

A Patient Satisfaction Survey graph for the period of 2008 to present was shared with the Committee.

DIRECTOR'S ISSUES (Open Session)

Rick Bridges, Administrator, Marion Youth Center, updated the L.H.R.C. on current happenings at their facility:

- Working on our program to enhance clinical things that can be offered to the clients.
- Marion Youth Center has been approved to accept eight, nine, and ten-year old children to the program. The facility is currently full with this age group.
- Acuity has been up recently which has increased restraint utilization.
- Working with SWVMHI to add a playground, which will be great as the facility currently has only one playground that accommodates a group of 10 at any given time.
- A new Substance Abuse Counselor, Melissa Williams, has been hired. It is a goal of Marion Youth Center to move into this direction with more education for our clients.
- New signs for the facility have arrived and various other projects have been initiated. New tiling is being installed throughout the building. Also, the outside of the building will be painted, with this project beginning next week. There was some serious problems with the air conditioning, which had to be repaired.
- Approval has been received to purchase a car at the facility in the fall. Currently, the facility only has vans for transportation purposes.
- There is a 4.2% turnover in staff, which is very low for the year.

ADVOCATE/COMMITTEE ISSUES

RIDGEVIEW PAVILION

Deborah Jones, Human Rights Advocate, reported that Ridgeview Pavilion has been consistently running at a low census. There were no complaints, abuse/neglect allegations, or seclusion/restraint incidents during the period of May – June 2010.

ADVOCATE ISSUES

Ms. Jones reported the following issues to the Committee:

- Dr. Al Cervantes, Psychiatrist, is working with Russell County Medical Center in Lebanon, Virginia, to provide ECT. Anticipate this becoming available within the next six to eight months.
- A letter from the State Human Rights Committee was distributed and reviewed with LHRC members. The letter provides an update on Human Rights System issues. The SHRC emphasizes the importance of extending invitations to providers to affiliate with LHRCs.
- Peggy Phipps, LHRC member, has resigned from her membership to the Committee. Ms. Jones will be providing applications to interested candidates to fill the Committee's vacancies (2).
- Training for LHRC members might be possible through utilization of affiliation fee funds.
- Appreciation extended to members for all of the hard work they do as members to the LHRC.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next L.H.R.C. meeting is scheduled to be held on **Thursday, September 9, 2010**, at 12:00 Noon in the Henderson Building H-106 Conference Room on the grounds of SWVMHI.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Chair