

MINUTES

SWVMHI LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING



Thursday, January 11, 2007
SWVMHI Henderson Building ~ Room 106
12:00 Noon

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Deidra Mathena, Chairperson
Leslie Birch, Vice Chairperson
Claudia Duffy
Benjamin Plummer
Phillip Moser

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Peggie Roland
Trudy Combs

OTHERS PRESENT:

Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., Facility Director, SWVMHI
Russ McGrady, M.A., M.B.A., Clinical Director, SWVMHI
Anthony Gage, L.C.S.W., Community Services Director, SWVMHI
Janice Collins, Resident Advocate, Keystone Youth of Marion
Nick Brown, Risk Manager, Keystone Youth of Marion
Keith Lowry, Clinical Director, Keystone Youth of Marion
Kaatri Anderson, L.C.S.W., A.C.S.W., Senior Life Solutions of JMH
Karla Whitten, RN, Program Director, Senior Life Solutions of JMH
Deborah Jones, L.C.S.W., Human Rights Advocate
Lisa Berry, 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 Thursday, January 11, 2007, in the Henderson Building, Room 106, of Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and unanimously approved to accept the minutes of the November 9, 2006, 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)

Anthony Gage, L.C.S.W., reviewed with the Committee the current Barriers to Discharge Report for patients within SWVMHI.

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

Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., presented a review of the seclusion/restraint data for the period of November through December 2006.

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 November through December 2006.

INFORMAL/FORMAL COMPLAINTS (Closed Session)

Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., provided the L.H.R.C. with a report of the number of informal and formal complaints received at SWVMHI for the period of November through December 2006.

REVIEW OF POLICY #8000, MANAGEMENT OF AGGRESSIVE AND NON-AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR (Open Session)

Russ McGrady, M.A., M.B.A., provided the L.H.R.C. with a review of revised Policy #8000, Management of Aggressive and Non-Aggressive Behavior. The L.H.R.C. accepted the policy with recommendations for minor revisions.

DIRECTOR'S ISSUES (Open Session)

Dr. Cynthia McClaskey updated the Committee on the following issues:

- Dr. Stella Ndem was hired as the new Adolescent Psychiatrist and started at the facility on January 3, 2007.
- The facility has two new Psychologists—Dr. Doreen Nally and Dr. Judy Britt.
- The Mental Health Fair and Walk are scheduled for April 13-14, 2007. Eileen White will be the guest speaker on April 13. The walk is set to begin at 10:00 A.M. on April 14.
- The Secretary for Health and Human Services wants to eliminate mandatory overtime for nurses by July 1, 2007.

KEYSTONE YOUTH OF MARION

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

ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS (Closed Session)

Nick Brown provided the L.H.R.C. with a report of abuse and neglect cases for the months of November and December 2006.

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

Nick Brown presented a review of the seclusion/restraint data for the period of November and December 2006.

INFORMAL/FORMAL COMPLAINTS (Closed Session)

Janice Collins presented the L.H.R.C. with the formal and informal complaints received at Keystone during the months of November and December 2006.

ADMINISTRATOR'S ISSUES

- Keith Lowry announced that the positions of Office Manager and Human Resources Manager as well as several Mental Health Counselor positions were vacant at the facility. Recruitment for positions is underway.

SENIOR LIFE SOLUTIONS OF J.M.H.

Kaatri Anderson, L.C.S.W., A.C.S.W., and Karla Whitten, R.N., Program Director, were present to request permanent affiliation for Senior Life Solutions of Johnson Memorial Hospital with the SWVMHI L.H.R.C. The program recently received licensure through the State of Virginia.

A motion was made by Leslie Birch to grant permanent affiliation of Senior Life Solutions of Johnston Memorial Hospital with the SWVMHI L.H.R.C. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Deborah Jones announced that she will provide advocacy services for the facility.

Senior Life Solutions will present policies for the Committee to review at future meetings.

ADVOCATE/COMMITTEE ISSUES

Ridgeview Pavilion

Deborah Jones, L.C.S.W., announced there were no incidents of abuse/neglect or seclusion/restraint for the period of November and December 2006 and only one informal complaint was received at Ridgeview Pavilion during this time.

Advocate Issues

Deborah Jones stated that a date has not yet been set for the LHRC Training Seminar and is pending upon approval of the new regulations.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next L.H.R.C. meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, March 8, 2007**, at 12 Noon in Room 106 of the Henderson Building on the grounds of SWVMHI.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:48 P.M.

Chair

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