

**MINUTES
VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMITTEE MEETING**



**Tuesday, May 15, 2012
SWVMHI – Henderson H-106 Conference Room
12:00 Noon**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Deidra Mathena, Chair
Rachel Jones
Jo Ann Johns
Willie McFarlane

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mark Fendig
Elouise Vaught

OTHERS PRESENT:

Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., Facility Director, SWVMHI
Russ McGrady, MA, MBA, Clinical Director, SWVMHI
Colin Barron, Ph.D., Psychology Director, SWVMHI
Andra Savage, Clinical Director, Ridgeview Pavilion
Nan Neese, Regional Human Rights Advocate
Christy Bise, Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

The Local Human Rights Committee (L.H.R.C) was called to order by Deidra Mathena, Chairperson, at 12:05 P.M. on Tuesday, May 15, 2012, at Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute, Henderson Building H-106 Conference Room.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the L.H.R.C. Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2012. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

SWVMHI

Barriers to Discharge Report (Open Session)

Russ McGrady reviewed with the Committee the current Barriers to Discharge Report for patients within SWVMHI during the period of February 24 – May 10, 2012. Russ provided the Committee with the team, unit, and CSB breakdown of patients who are currently on the list. The barriers to discharge involve multiple issues and the discussion included the difficulty with matching the individuals with residential services and other supports that can best meet the individuals' needs. Resources are impacting discharges as well.

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

Colin Barron, Ph.D., presented a review of the seclusion/restraint data for the period of March 1 – April 30, 2012. Dr. Barron reviewed those patients with multiple numbers of incidents. Graphs were provided noting the supine restraint episodes, facility-wide episodes, in addition to the number of seclusion/restraint hours/episodes by ward.

Abuse/Neglect Report (Open Session)

Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., presented the Committee with a report of the abuse and neglect incidents from March 21, 2012 through today. The allegations included 1 physical (unfounded) and 1 matter involving sexual relations between two patients that is still under investigation. She will provide a final report at the next meeting on this incident.

Complaints (Open Session)

Dr. McClaskey reported there were a couple of complaints since March 21, 2012, but they have all been resolved immediately through the informal process.

Facility Director Updates (Open Session)

Dr. McClaskey provided an update of the facility's 125th anniversary events coming up beginning May 18, 2012.

Regional Advocate Report and Committee Updates

Nan Neese commented that the *Human Writes* newsletter was included in the agenda packets that featured an article on Deidra. She reminded the Committee that the newsletters along with the latest Department of Justice information can be found on the human rights website. The HR Advocates will be increasingly involved with reviewing the residential services available to individuals prior to and after discharge from the Training Centers to provide oversight and review of health and safety.

Nan shared with the Committee that Eloise Vaught wishes that she could continue her membership but that she cannot meet on Tuesdays. There was some discussion about meetings days and available space. It was determined that Tuesday works best for the majority and the Institute's scheduling of space. The Committee regrettably must accept Mrs. Vaught's resignation.

Nan reported that there will be 3 vacancies on the committee with Deidra's term expiring at the end of June. She asked members to think about officer elections. Provider-affiliates are reminded that it is the Provider's responsibility to maintain the LHRC and therefore recruiting of potential members is important. Nan invited the members to also suggest potential applicants for the vacancies before the next scheduled meeting. Jo Ann Johns has submitted her application for reappointment to the Committee.

RIDGEVIEW PAVILION

Abuse/Neglect Reports (Open Session)

Andra Savage, Director, presented information for the first quarter of 2012. There were no abuse/neglect allegations during that period.

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

There were no episodes of seclusion and restraint during the quarter.

Formal Complaints (Open Session)

There were three complaints resolved through the informal process during this quarter.

Facility Updates (Open Session)

Andra noted that five new beds will be opening beginning June 4, 2012 meaning 20 of their 28 beds will now be open and staffed. They have also added 10.2 new employees during the last three months. The new Medical Director has also started reviewing policies to make sure everything is up-to-date.

OTHER

Nan presented a certificate of appreciation to Deidra Mathena for her years of dedicated LHRC service and leadership on behalf of the individuals we serve, the provider-affiliates and the Department's Office of Human Rights.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next L.H.R.C. meeting is scheduled to be held on **Tuesday, July 17, 2012**, at 12:00 Noon on the grounds of SWVMHI.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 P.M.

Chair