

MINUTES VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING



Tuesday, September 18, 2012
SWVMHI – Henderson H-106 Conference Room
12:00 Noon

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Fendig, Vice Chair
Rachel Jones
Jo Ann Johns
Willie McFarlane

MEMBERS ABSENT:

NONE

OTHERS PRESENT:

Nan Neese, Regional Human Rights Advocate
Sarah Parris, Administrative Assistant
Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., Facility Director, SWVMHI
Jonathan Crisp, M.D., Medical Director
Russ McGrady, MA, MBA, Clinical Director, SWVMHI
Andra Savage, Clinical Director, Ridgeview Pavilion
Colin Barrom, Ph.D., Psychology Director, SWVMHI
Beverly B. Derian, LHRC Applicant
William Veselik, LHRC Applicant

CALL TO ORDER

The Local Human Rights Committee (LHRC) was called to order by Mark Fendig, Vice Chairperson, at 12:37 P.M. on Tuesday, September 18, 2012, at Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute, Henderson Building H-106 Conference Room.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the LHRC Meeting Minutes of May 15 , 2012. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the L.H.R.C. Meeting agenda for September 18, 2012. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

INTERVIEW OF THE LHRC APPLICANTS

A motion was made and seconded to convene closed session pursuant to VA Code §2.2-3711.A.(1) and (4) for the purpose of protecting privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business, namely to conduct interviews with LHRC applicants.

Mr. Fendig reconvened the open meeting and the motion was made and seconded that to the best of their knowledge only matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements were heard, discussed or considered. Each member so certified.

The Committee thanked the applicants for their appearance today. The Committee discussed that fact that the membership is lacking representation by a healthcare professional and that there are two more applicants for membership.

The Committee agreed to hold a brief special meeting to interview the two additional applicants on October 2, 2012 at noon at SWVMHI.

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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 July 5 – September 14, 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.

Abuse/Neglect Report (Open Session)

Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., presented the Committee with a report of the abuse and neglect allegations from March 1 through June 30, 2012. The allegations included 4 physical, 1 verbal and 1 matter involving sexual relations between two patients.

Complaints (Open Session)

Dr. McClaskey reported there were 9 complaints since March 1 through June 30, 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. A new doctor will be starting on the Geriatric Unit due to the resignation of Dr. Monika Pelly. Dr Alexander will be starting on October 15, 2012. The Social Work staff is fully staffed. The Assistant Director's Administrative Assistant has resigned who had been providing support to the Committee. The position has been send to Richmond for approval to fill.

Update of Progress post ECT

A motion was made and seconded to convene closed session pursuant to VA Code §2.2-3711.A.(1) and (15) for the purpose of protecting privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business and the discussion of medical and mental health records, namely to review the progress of an individual's treatment and services.

Mr. Fendig reconvened the open meeting and the motion was made and seconded that to the best of their knowledge only matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements were heard, discussed or considered. Each member so certified.

The Committee extended its appreciation to Dr. Jonathan Crisp, Medical Director, for his detailed report and discussion.

RIDGEVIEW PAVILION

Abuse/Neglect Reports (Open Session)

Andra Savage, Director, presented information for the second quarter of 2012 (April-June). 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.

Complaints (Open Session)

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

Facility Updates (Open Session)

Andra noted that the facility is still operating 20 of their 28 beds to determine capital expenses.

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

Colin Barrom, Ph.D., presented a review of the seclusion/restraint data for the period of May 1 – July 31, 2012. Dr. Barrom 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.

Regional Advocate Report

In behalf of the Committee Nan Neese welcomed the LHRC applicants and extended appreciation to each of them for their interest in serving. Nan had provided an overview of Human Rights during lunch. Nan Neese commented that the *Human Writes* newsletter was included in the agenda packets.

She reported that the State Human Rights Committee met in this Region on September 7 at Southwestern VA Training Center. The State Committee continues to review carefully where there are extended vacancies on the Local Committees. For this reason Nan is relieved that the Committee has applicants to fill its 3 vacancies. Nan reported that the Office of Human Rights continues to monitor discharges from the Department's training centers as required by the Department of Justice settlement. Nan encouraged members to read the State Committee's newsletter, *Human Writes*, that was included in the agenda packets.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next LHRC meeting is scheduled to be held on **Tuesday, October 2, 2012**, at 12:00 Noon on the grounds of SWVMHI for the purpose of interviewing LHRC applicants. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be November 20, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 P.M.

Chair