

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



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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Fendig, Vice Chair
Jo Ann Johns
Willie McFarlane
Beverly Derian

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rachel Jones
Denton Staley
Elvera McLees

OTHERS PRESENT:

Nan Neese, Regional Human Rights Advocate
Sarah Parris, Administrative Assistant
Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., Facility Director, SWVMHI
Russ McGrady, MA, MBA, Clinical Director, SWVMHI
Marcia Richardson, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

The Local Human Rights Committee (LHRC) was called to order by Mark Fendig, Vice Chairperson, at 12:17 P.M. on Tuesday, December 18, 2012, at Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute, Henderson Building H-106 Conference Room.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were none.

MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the LHRC Meeting Minutes of September 18 , 2012 and October 2, 2012. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the LHRC Meeting agenda for December 18, 2012 with notice of changes to the presenters. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved with revisions.

SWVMHI

Dr. McClaskey extended her appreciation to the Members for attending the Director's Orientation this morning.

Abuse/Neglect Report

Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., presented the Committee with a report of the abuse and neglect allegations from July 1 through September 20, 2012. The allegations included 2 episodes.

Complaints

Dr. McClaskey reported there was 1 complaint since July 1 through September 20, 2012, that was managed through the formal review process. There were 8 complaints that were resolved immediately through the informal process.

Facility Director Updates

Dr. McClaskey provided an update of the facility. She reviewed that it had been a busy past year with the facility's 125th anniversary celebrations. The Directors received the Governor's revised budget, in FY 2014, including that the nine mental health facilities would take a combined drop in our budget of 1.5 million dollars. There were no planned closures of these facilities. There is a plan to replace the dome on the Henderson Building.

Barriers to Discharge Report

Russ McGrady reviewed with the Committee the current Barriers to Discharge Report for patients within SWVMHI during the period of August 1 – October 31, 2012. Russ provided the Committee with the team, unit, and CSB breakdown of patients who are currently on the list. There are currently 9 on the list with one being discharged soon. 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'

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needs. Resources are impacting discharges as well. Mr. McGrady recognized the excellent relationships between this facility and the Community Services Boards and private providers.

Seclusion/Restraint Review Of Y-T-D Data

Russ McGrady presented a review of the seclusion/restraint data for the period of August 1 – October 31, 2012. Mr. McGrady 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.

RIDGEVIEW PAVILION

Nan Neese reported that Ms Savage may not have received adequate notice of the meeting date and requested that the LHRC postpone review.

Regional Advocate Report

In behalf of the Committee Nan Neese welcomed the new members appointed by the State Human Rights Committee and extended appreciation to each of them for their interest in serving. She also welcomed Marci Richardson. Marci will be providing clerical support during the meetings. Nan extended appreciation to Sarah Parris for support to the LHRC during this time.

Nan thanked the members for attending the Director’s Orientation early this morning and stated that she hoped Dr. McClaskey will have an opportunity to meet with members who were unable to attend. She also thanked members for participation in the LHRC Orientation conducted this morning as well. Nan hopes that the LHRC manuals distributed will be helpful.

She recommended that although the Committee needs to elect Officers the membership would probably like to wait until all the members are able to meet together. Nan pointed out that in accordance with the LHRC Bylaws the Officers are Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. Nan reported that an updated automated reporting system is about to be launched to which our facilities and community programs will all have access. The Computerized Human Rights Information System (CHRIS) proposes to assure more consistent human rights data.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next LHRC meeting is scheduled to be held on **Tuesday, January 15, 2013**, at 12:00 Noon on the grounds of SWVMHI.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 P.M.

Chair