

MINUTES VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING



Tuesday, May 21, 2013
SWVMHI – Henderson H-106 Conference Room
12:00 Noon

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Fendig, Chair
Jo Ann Johns
Willie McFarlane
Beverly Derian
Elvera McLees
Rachel Jones
Denton Staley

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Nan Neese, Regional Human Rights Advocate
Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., Facility Director, SWVMHI
Colin Barron, Ph.D., SWVMHI
Robyn Anderson, Community Services Director, SWVMHI
Marcia Richardson, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

The Local Human Rights Committee (LHRC) meeting was called to order by Mark Fendig, Chairperson, at 12:20 P.M. on Tuesday, May 21, 2013, at Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute, Henderson Building H-106 Conference Room.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

MINUTES

Rachel Jones moved to approve the LHRC Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2013. Beverly Derian seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by Committee.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Beverly Derian moved to approve the LHRC Meeting agenda for May 21, 2013. Denton Staley seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by Committee

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Abuse/Neglect Report (Open Session)

Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., presented the Committee with a report of the abuse and neglect allegations for the period January 1 through March 31, 2013. The allegations included 2 cases.

Complaints (Open Session)

Dr. McClaskey reported there were three complaints for the period January 1 through March 31, 2013, all of which were resolved immediately through the informal process.

Facility Director Updates (Open Session)

Dr. McClaskey reported the Mental Health Awareness event held at Emory and Henry College was quite successful with over 500 attendees, 26 of which were SWVMHI clients. The SWVMHI OT Department displayed some of the relaxation and sensory equipment.

Dr. McClaskey was presented the “Going the Extra Mile” award for leading the Facility’s continuing pursuit of improvement and excellence in patient quality of care.

Barriers to Discharge Report (Open Session)

Robyn Anderson reviewed with the Committee the current Barriers to Discharge Report for patients within SWVMHI for the period January 1 through March 31, 2013. Ms. Anderson provided the Committee with the team, unit, and CSB breakdown of patients who are currently on the list, which, at March 31, 2013, included eight patients. The difficulty of matching individuals with residential services and other supports that can best meet the individuals’ needs continues to be the most prevalent barrier to discharge.

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

Colin Barrom presented a review of the seclusion/restraint data for the period January 1 through March 31, 2013. Dr. Barrom reviewed patients with multiple numbers of incidents, providing graphs of the supine restraint episodes, facility-wide episodes, and the number of seclusion/restraint hours/episodes by ward.

RIDGEVIEW PAVILION

Deferred review in Ms. Savage’s absence.

Regional Advocate Report

Nan Neese discussed the new automated system for Human Rights reporting. All providers will be utilizing the system by June 1, 2013. In the near future, Ms. Neese’s office will relocate to the B Building where we hope the Committee meetings will also be held. Depending on the timing of the move, Ms. Neese hopes to share two videos at the July 2013 meeting. One video, created by the Department of Justice, demonstrates how individuals have successfully transitioned from training center to community environment. The other video is entitled “Hope and Recovery.” Ms. Neese reported no new providers and no new affiliation requests.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next LHRC meeting is scheduled to be held on **Tuesday, July 16, 2013**, at 12:00 Noon on the grounds of SWVMHI.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 P.M.

Chair