



VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS LHRC
Minutes
November 18, 2014

ATTENDANCE

Committee:

Present: Mark Fendig, Chair; Beverly Derian; Elvera McLees; and Denton Staley

Absent: Rachel Jones, Willie McFarlane and Jo Ann Johns

Others Present:

Russ McGrady, Clinical Director for Robyn Anderson, Community Services Director, Phil Jones, RM/QM Director; Cynthia McClaskey, PhD, Facility Director; Douglas Keen, BSN, RN, Program Manager, Liaison; Nan Neese, Regional Human Rights Advocate and Patricia Evans, CAP, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Fendig, Chairperson, called the Local Human Rights Committee (LHRC) meeting to order at 12:39 P.M. on Tuesday, November 18, 2014, at Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute, Learning Center Dogwood Room. Members and participants introduced themselves. The Committee welcomed Patricia Evans and extended gratitude for her provision of administrative support.

PUBLIC COMMENT There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. McLees moved to approve the LHRC Meeting agenda for November 18, 2014 with the addition of a closed session at the end regarding membership. Mr. Staley seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by Committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Derian moved to approve the LHRC Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2014 and September 30, 2014 meetings. Mr. Staley seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by Committee.

SWVMHI Reports

Barriers to Discharge: Russ McGrady, Clinical Director reported today on behalf of Robyn Anderson regarding the current Ready for Discharge and Barriers to Discharge lists for patients within SWVMHI for the 3Q 2014 (Jul – Sep). Mr. McGrady provided the Committee with the team,



unit, and CSB breakdown of individuals who are currently on the Ready for Discharge and Extraordinary Barriers Lists as of September 25, when the report was compiled. He reviewed types of barriers but more importantly the complexity of discharge planning. The most frequent barriers this quarter were: the need for residential services; lack of Guardians; the lengthy process for “NGRI” conditional releases; and funding needs. He explained two types of special funding (DAP and 1X DAP) that assist with these difficult discharge barriers to allow patients to be discharged.

Seclusion/Restraint Review: Phil Jones reviewed with the Committee the Seclusion/Restraints Report for the 3Q 2014 (Jul – Sep) as compared to other quarters. Mr. Jones provided thorough explanation of the detailed graphs reviewed with the Committee and responded to the members’ questions. As is often the case a very few individuals (3) accounted for 40% of the events. There was also a brief discussion about how the increase in admissions resulting in full capacities may impact the ability to accurately assess the impact of the Emergency Restraint Chair.

Facility LHRC Report and Updates: Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., Director, presented the Committee with the 3rd Quarter Report (Jul – Sep), 2014. Once again a significant number of the Abuse Allegations were Neglect P2P cases.

She explained that SWVMHI has opened an additional 3 beds, increased staff and will also be adding another 7 beds. SWVMHI saw an increase in census immediately following the implementation of the commitment law changes in July. Since then the census, although high, has somewhat stabilized. When census is high, incidents are also increased and when census decreases, so do incidents.

REGIONAL ADVOCATE REPORT

Nan presented a schedule of proposed meeting dates for 2015 for the Committee’s approval. Mr. Fendig requested a motion to accept, it was seconded and the motion passed.

Nan announced that Margaret Walsh retired in July and Deb Lockhart was appointed State Human Rights Director in September. The Office of Human Rights is reorganizing the Regions but the current change has not affected Region III.

Nan announced promulgated changes to the HR Regulation to correct the Code Sections citations. She will distribute as soon as she has made those to her copy of the Regulation.

RIDGEVIEW PAVILION

Mr. Doug Keen, Wellmont’s Ridgeview Program Director, presented and reviewed the CHRIS reports for Ridgeview Pavilion for the periods of the 2nd and 3Q 2014 (Jul - Sep). Mr. Keen presented an update of issues and staffing within Ridgeview and responded to the member’s questions.



The motion was made to accept the Providers' Quarterly Reports as presented, seconded, and it was unanimously approved by Committee.

Mr. Keen also distributed for review and comment the proposed policy for participating in the Bed Registry. Mr. Staley made the motion to accept the policy as submitted, Dr. McLees seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Dr. McClaskey was able to demonstrate the new Virginia Bed Registry on the Smartboard for the Committee to view. She was able to pull up various types of information through the registry. The registry is used to located potentially available psychiatric beds for TDO and treatment of individuals who meet the criteria for TDO.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Fendig moved that the LHRC go into closed session pursuant to VA Code §2.2-3711.A. (4) and (15) for the purpose of discussing Committee membership. Dr. McLees seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Staley moved to convene public session, Dr. McLees seconded the motion, and the Chairman opened the meeting. It was the consensus of members to request the removal of JoAnn Johns from the Committee as a result of her unexpected move out of the services area.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next LHRC meeting is scheduled to be held on **Tuesday, January 20, 2014**, at 12:00 Noon in the Dogwood Room of the Training Center.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 P.M.

Chair