

# DRAFT MINUTES SWVMHI LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING



Thursday, May 13, 2010  
SWVMHI – Henderson Conference Room 106  
12:00 Noon

## **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Elouise Vaught, Vice Chair  
Willie McFarlane  
Mark Fendig

## **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Peggy Phipps  
Deidra Mathena  
Rachel Jones

## **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., Director, SWVMHI  
Colin Barron, Ph.D., Psychology Director, SWVMHI  
Robyn Anderson, Community Services Director, SWVMHI  
Rick Bridges, Administrator, Marion Youth Center  
Janice Collins, Quality Assurance, Marion Youth Center  
Tonya Moore, Director of Nursing, Marion Youth Center  
Deborah Jones, L.C.S.W., Human Rights Advocate  
Lisa Berry, CPS, Secretary

## **CALL TO ORDER**

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The Local Human Rights Committee (L.H.R.C) was called to order by Elouise Vaught, Vice-Chairperson, at 12:00 Noon on Thursday, May 13, 2010, at Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute, Henderson Building, Room 106.

## **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

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A motion was made by Willie McFarlane to approve the L.H.R.C. Minutes of the January 14, 2010, and March 11, 2010 meetings. The motion was seconded by Mark Fendig and unanimously approved.

## **SWVMHI**

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*The motion was made and passed to go into Closed Session pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711.A.(4) and (15), for the protection of privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business and to review medical records, namely to conduct a review pursuant to the regulations.*

*Upon reconvening in public session, the Local Human Rights Committee unanimously certified that only public business matters lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the Closed Session were discussed in the Closed Session.*

### **Abuse/Neglect Report (Closed Session)**

Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., provided the L.H.R.C. with a report of abuse and neglect cases for the period of January – April 2010.

### **Formal Complaints (Closed Session)**

Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., requested that complaint data for the period of January – April 2010 be tabled until the next meeting. Request approved by committee.

### **Barriers to Discharge Report (Closed Session)**

Robyn Anderson reviewed with the Committee the current Barriers to Discharge Report for patients within SWVMHI. Robyn and the Committee were very complimentary of the work being done by social workers, the CSBs, and physicians in getting patients discharged to the community.

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

Colin Barron, Ph.D., presented a review of the seclusion/restraint data for the period of January – April 2010. Dr. Barron noted the number of incidents for 2010 compare[in number] with the incidents in 2008.

Director's Issues

Dr. McClaskey updated the Committee on the closure of the facility's Adolescent Unit. Governor Kaine submitted the closure of CCCA and SWVMHI's Adolescent Unit in his budget which would leave no state adolescent services within the state of Virginia. In the end, CCCA was able to remain open, but the Adolescent Unit at SWVMHI will close effective May 30, 2010. Dr. Nachbar, Adolescent Psychiatrist, will leave on May 24, 2010, so there will be no patients on the unit after this date; the facility will stop admissions to this unit April 30, 2010. Positions for all the staff on the unit who wanted to continue employment were relocated elsewhere at the facility. Enhanced retirement was also offered again at the facility, which opened up some vacancies. A workgroup will convene this summer to determine what to do with the space on the Adolescent Unit. The School's Principal will stay on at the facility to educate patients who are 18-21 years of age.

The "E" ward of the Geriatric Unit is scheduled for closure by June 2011. These beds will be moved to Burkeville (which is four hours from SWVMHI). It is hoped that funds will be reinstated for this ward.

Dr. McClaskey reported that capital improvement funds have been allotted to replace the facility's current fire alarm system. While the fire alarm system is being replaced on each unit, patients will be moved to the Adolescent Unit.

**MARION YOUTH CENTER**

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The following reports, including client-identifying information, were heard:

**ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS (Closed Session)**

Janice Collins, Marion Youth Center, provided the L.H.R.C. with a report of abuse and neglect cases for the period of January – April 2010.

**SECLUSION/RESTRAINT REVIEW OF Y-T-D DATA (Closed Session)**

Janice Collins, Marion Youth Center, presented a review of the seclusion/restraint data for the period of January - April, 2010.

**COMPLAINTS (Closed Session)**

Tonya Moore, Marion Youth Center, presented the L.H.R.C. with the complaints received during the period of January - April, 2010.

**DIRECTOR'S ISSUES (Open Session)**

Rick Bridges, Administrator, Marion Youth Center, updated the L.H.R.C. on current happenings at their facility:

- A recent contest was held on all shifts to determine which shift was the safest. A unit was also rewarded that had the least amount of interventions. On the walls at the facility, goals are set and everyone who meets the goals can participate in an activity. There is also a contest each month that involves the kids and staff.
- There is a Restraint Prevention Team in place at the facility. The team is working to prevent restraints and inquires of each patient what works best for them.
- Rick discussed recent media issues surrounding the facility in regard to happenings in 2005.
- No patient referrals were received in March, however, referrals were back up in April and May 2010.
- The therapist situation has been a bit critical at the facility. However, three therapists have recently been hired, all from the Wytheville, Virginia, area.
- As of May 1, 2010, the facility went from accepting 11 to 18 year-old patients to accepting 8 to 18 year-old patients.
- Expecting to receive three-year accreditation in education. Marion Youth Center chosen as “Best in Class” by Parent Company.
- Expecting to be recommended for three-year licensure through the Department of Licensure in Virginia.
- Marion Youth Center still only accepting 52% of referrals as admissions.

## **ADVOCATE/COMMITTEE ISSUES**

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### **RIDGEVIEW PAVILION**

Deborah Jones, Human Rights Advocate, reported that Ridgeview Pavilion has been consistently running at a low census (two to three patients per month). There were no complaints, abuse/neglect allegations, or seclusion/restraint incidents during the period of January to April 2010.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed for nomination and election of Deidra Mathena as Chair of the SWVMHI L.H.R.C. for the period of July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed for nomination and election of Mark Fendig as Vice-Chair of the SWVMHI L.H.R.C. for the period of July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011.

Motions were made, seconded, and unanimously passed for the reappointments of Elouise Vaught, Rachel Jones, and Willie McFarlane as members of the SWVMHI L.H.R.C.

## **NEXT MEETING DATE**

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The next L.H.R.C. meeting is scheduled to be held on **Wednesday, July 28, 2010**, at 12:00 Noon in the "C" Building Conference Room on the grounds of SWVMHI.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 P.M.

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Chair