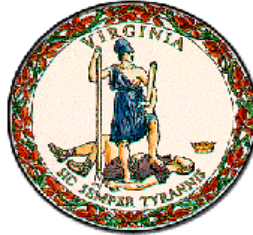


MINUTES SWVMHI LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING



Thursday, June 9, 2011
SWVMHI – Henderson Conference Room 106
12:00 Noon

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Elouise Vaught
Willie McFarlane
Mark Fendig
Rachel Jones

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Deidra Mathena
Jo Ann Johns

OTHERS PRESENT:

Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., Facility Director, SWVMHI
Colin Barron, Ph.D., Psychology Director, SWVMHI
Dickie Harrison, Chief of Security, Human Rights Investigator
Robyn Anderson, Community Services Director, SWVMHI
Deresa Hall, G.N. P., Geriatric Services, SWVMHI
Rick Bridges, Director, Marion Youth Center
Tonya Moore, Director of Nursing, Marion Youth Center
Janice Collins, Quality Assurance, Marion Youth Center
Deborah Jones, L.C.S.W., Human Rights Advocate
Nan Neese, Regional Human Rights Advocate
Lisa Berry, CPS, Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

The Local Human Rights Committee (L.H.R.C) was called to order by Mark Fendig, Vice Chairperson, at 12:07 P.M. on Thursday, June 9, 2011, at Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute, Henderson Building Conference Room 106.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the L.H.R.C. Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2010, and May 27, 2011. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

SWVMHI

Barriers to Discharge Report (Open Session)

Robyn Anderson reviewed with the Committee the current Barriers to Discharge Report for patients within SWVMHI during the period of April 1 – June 2, 2011. Robyn provided the Committee with the team, unit, and CSB breakdown of patients who are currently on the list. Robyn noted that the primary issue the RFD patients are facing is the lack of discharge placement. All RDAP monies have been exhausted, except those in the CSBs where some very small pockets of money become available should there be leftover money from another RDAP plan. During this time period, there were 13 patients discharged from the RFD list.

Abuse/Neglect Report (Open Session)

Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., presented the Committee with a report of all the abuse and neglect incidents for the period of December 9, 2010, through June 8, 2011. There were seven investigations during this time period: five physical (unfounded) and two verbal (unfounded).

Formal Complaints (Open Session)

Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., reported there were no formal complaint allegations at the facility for the period of December 2010 through May 2011.

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 January 1– April 30, 2011. Dr. Barrom reviewed those patients with an excessive number 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. The number of seclusion incidents greatly increased during the month of January 2011.

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 with an exception of a brief discussion regarding the lack of access to the course of treatment in our region prior to Russell County Medical Center's initiation of ECT.

Updates on Patient Receiving ECT (Closed Session)

Deresa Hall, F.N.P., provided updates on two of the Geriatric patients who are receiving ECT at Russell County Medical Center. Dr. Ade Ladenika, Psychiatrist, is the attending psychiatrist, but he is away from the facility today. Ms. Hall extended her appreciation to the Committee for their expedient review of the proposed treatment involving ECT for these individuals.

Facility Director Updates

Dr. Cynthia McClaskey provided the Committee with the following updates:

SWVMHI had nine findings with only two direct impact findings during our recent Joint Commission Survey. We have submitted our corrective action plans for these.

The Geriatric Unit was put back in the Governor's Budget, and we received information on March 2, 2011, that we could again start accepting admissions. We had heard there were several clients not served during the period from November 1, 2010, through March 1, 2011. The census on the Geriatric Unit today is 37.

Physician recruitment is ongoing at the facility. There are more psychiatrists retiring each year than are beginning in this field in the residency programs, and these residents seem to cluster in the cities. We continue to try to find the right physician for the facility and area. We have interviewed another prospective psychiatrist. We continue to have the Internist position vacant but have a promising candidate for this position.

The DBHDS has initiated a process this year similar to what we used to do in the past when staff from other state facilities conducted audits at other state facilities to determine how they were doing. The Annual Consultative Audit is currently in process, and the team is scheduled to come to SWVMHI July 18-19, 2011.

The state-wide Recovery Services Workgroup is up and running again as well. We hope to further advance recovery in the mental health facilities.

Motivational Interviewing Training was completed in the Fall of 2010, and this will continue in the Spring of 2011. A version of Road Trip Training will also be initiated.

We have additional space now on the vacant Adolescent Unit. We hope to move some of the ERS units around with J patients moving to Ward H. Ward G will be empty, and we will have some extra space there available for such possibilities as additional programming space, relocating the Infirmary, a new place for the courtroom, etc. A workgroup at the facility is carefully considering all possibilities.

MARION YOUTH CENTER

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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 December 2010 through May 2011.

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 December 2010 through May 2011.

COMPLAINTS (Closed Session)

Janice Collins, Marion Youth Center, presented the L.H.R.C. with the complaints received during the period of December 2010 through May 2011.

Program Issues (Open Session)

Rick Bridges, Director, Marion Youth Center, presented the LHRC with happenings at the Center. He reported that the Program Director started a Boy Scout Troop on site so that the youths leave the program they may be referred to troops in their own community. The Center has been having picnics for the boys. A summer school program started on Monday. The School program has one teacher vacancy and a new teacher was hired this date. Other projects include: six new video cameras, new parking spaces, and replacement of the roof. A restitution program has been started with the boys regarding damage they make to the buildings. The Nursing Team has been very stable. The Center needs of Mental Health

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Counselors and P14 nurses yet all of the therapy positions are currently filled. The newest therapist has almost five years of residential experience.

Tonya updated the LHRC on the younger residents. MYC has been working with the school system to incorporate incentives within the classroom. A committee is looking at a revision of the handbook to include abbreviated privilege levels for the younger residents. It has been a challenge, but she reports seeing positive results. There are some space issues so they would like to have a bigger playground, etc. MYC does have a membership at the Wellness Center, and they rotate going there for activities. They also go hiking, swimming, slot car racing, fishing, to the Dip Dog Stand, and to play Putt Putt Golf.

ADVOCATE/COMMITTEE ISSUES

RIDGEVIEW PAVILION

Deborah Jones, Human Rights Advocate, reported that Andra Savage from Ridgeview Pavilion will be coming to the next LHRC meeting as they recently had a sentinel event.

ADVOCATE/COMMITTEE ISSUES

LHRC Structure/Bylaws

The Committee reviewed the memo from the State Human Rights Committee dated January 10, 2011, in regard to the *Implementation of Recent SHRC Decisions regarding LHRC Structure*.

The Committee is establishing Bylaws with the following recommendations for change:

- Change to quarterly meetings but establish an annual schedule of six meetings.
- Change the name of the Committee to **Virginia Highlands Local Human Rights Committee**
- Continue with a membership consisting of seven (7) members
- Add an addendum to the Bylaws addressing the appointment of a Sub-Committee

The State Human Rights Committee is recommending that all LHRCs adopt a LHRC and Affiliated Provider Cooperative Agreement.

The Committee reached consensus on the content of the proposed Bylaws and the Cooperative Agreement and requested that the Advocates forward those to the State Committee for approval.

The Committee also requested that Dr. McClaskey contact the Providers (Marion Youth Center and Ridgeview Pavilion) on how to continue support to the LHRC.

Membership/Officer Elections

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Mark Fendig's term expires June 30, 2011, and he is eligible for reappointment to the committee for an additional term. Mr. Fendig completed an application for reappointment to the committee, and he was interviewed by the LHRC. The Committee made recommendation for the re-appointment of Mr. Fendig for an additional term and requested that the Advocates forward his application and their recommendation to the SHRC.

Nominations were made to re-elect Deidra Mathena, Chairperson, and Mark Fendig, Vice Chairperson, as officers. A motion was made to approve the nominations, the motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next L.H.R.C. meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, July 26, 2011, at 12:00 Noon on the grounds of SWVMHI.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:12 P.M.

Chair