

MINUTES

SWVMHI LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING



Thursday, September 11, 2008
SWVMHI Henderson Building Conference Room
12:00 Noon

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Deidra Mathena, Chair
Elouise Vaught
Willie McFarlane

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Phillip Moser

OTHERS PRESENT:

Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., Facility Director, SWVMHI
Colin Barron, Ph.D., Facility Representative, SWVMHI
Anthony Gage, L.C.S.W., Community Services Director, SWVMHI
Ron Parsons, M.S., Adolescent Programs Director, SWVMHI
Jim Lundy, Unit Nurse Coordinator, Admissions Unit, SWVMHI
Julie Stoots, Unit Nurse Coordinator, Admissions Unit, SWVMHI
Amanda McGrady, Ph.D., Psychologist, Geriatrics, SWVMHI
Geriatric Patient, SWVMHI
W.S., Prospective Next Friend of Geriatric Patient, SWVMHI
David Mask, Psychology Associate, Geriatrics, SWVMHI
Pam McGrady, H.S.C.W., Geriatrics, SWVMHI
Larry Brown, Interim CEO, Keystone Youth of Marion
Nick Brown, Residential Director, Keystone Youth of Marion
Robin Poe, Director of Nursing, Keystone Youth of Marion
Rachel Jones, Prospective Member
Deborah Jones, L.C.S.W., Human Rights Advocate
Lisa Berry, Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

The Local Human Rights Committee (L.H.R.C) was called to order by Deidra Mathena at 12:00 P.M. on Thursday, September 11, 2008, in the Henderson Building, Conference Room 106 of Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and unanimously approved to accept the minutes of the May 8, 2008, meeting.

SWVMHI

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.

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

BARRIERS TO DISCHARGE REPORT (Closed Session)

Anthony Gage, L.C.S.W., Community Services Director, reviewed with the Committee the current Barriers to Discharge Report for patients within SWVMHI. Mr. Gage also reviewed patients who are also on the Extraordinary Barriers List. Mr. Gage noted that the facility continues to make progress working with the CSBs, patients, and families.

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

Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., Facility Director, presented a review of the seclusion/restraint data for the period of March – August 2008. Dr. McClaskey noted that restraints are down at the facility from last year.

ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORT (Closed Session)

Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., Facility Director, provided the L.H.R.C. with a report of abuse and neglect cases for the period of May - August 2008.

COMPLAINTS (Closed Session)

Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., Facility Director, provided the L.H.R.C. with a report of the number of complaints received at SWVMHI for the period of May – August 2008.

REVIEW OF ACUTE ADMISSIONS GUIDELINES (Open Session)

Julie Stoots and Jim Lundy, Unit Nurse Coordinators for the Admissions Unit, appeared before the LHRC to present changes and updates to the Acute Admissions Guidelines. Ms. Stoots and Mr. Lundy both reported that the recommended changes by the Committee had been incorporated into the Admissions Guidelines. A quick reference sheet was also created as requested. Mr. Lundy noted that the guidelines were implemented August 1, 2008, and each patient was given a copy.

The Committee commended staff for the new format of the guidelines.

Elouise Vaught made a motion to accept the Acute Admissions Guidelines for approval. The motion was seconded by Willie McFarlane and unanimously approved.

REVIEW OF TREATMENT PLANS (Closed Session)

- ❖ David Mask, Psychologist, Geriatric Services, presented the Committee with an update on the Treatment Plan for a Geriatric patient. The Committee questioned Mr. Mask in regard to the positive reinforcers offered in the plan.

L.H.R.C. to review plan at the November 13, 2008, meeting.

- ❖ Colin Barrom, Ph.D., Psychology Director, appeared before the Committee to inform them that the treatment plans for the two Extended Rehab Services patients were both discontinued effective June 10, 2008.

A motion was made by Elouise Vaught, seconded by Willie McFarlane, and unanimously approved to accept the discontinuation of these plans.

REVIEW OF REQUEST FOR NEXT FRIEND (Closed Session)

Amanda McGrady, Ph.D., Psychologist, Geriatric Services, appeared before the Committee on behalf of a Geriatric patient to request that she be allowed to have a Next Friend appointed for her to serve in the capacity of Authorized Representative. W.S. was present at the meeting and affirmed that she had been involved in assisting the patient over the past six

months and was in agreement to serve as the patient's Next Friend. A motion was made by Elouise Vaught, seconded by Willie McFarlane, and unanimously approved to appoint W.S. as Next Friend for the Geriatric Patient.

REVIEW OF ADOLESCENT PATIENT (Closed Session)

Ron Parsons, M.S., Program Director, Adolescent Services, presented a case review to the Committee, as requested by the Human Rights Advocate. The patient has been discharged from the facility, and a corrective plan of action has been implemented.

REVIEW OF ADOLESCENT UNIT WARD RULES (Open Session)

Ron Parsons, M.S., Program Director, presented the Committee with revisions to the Adolescent Unit Ward Rules.

A motion was made by Elouise Vaught, seconded by Willie McFarlane, and unanimously approved to accept the Adolescent Unit Ward Rules, as written.

DIRECTOR'S ISSUES (Open Session)

Dr. McClaskey updated the Committee on the following issues:

- ❖ A Medical Facilities Inspector arrived at the facility on August 12, 2008, to conduct a complaint-driven survey. The Inspector remained at the facility for several days to complete the inspection. He reported that the patients were receiving quality nursing and physician services and staff were doing good work in hard times.
- ❖ The facility has hired a new Medical Director, Dr. James Grubbs. Dr. Grubbs comes to the facility from Texas. He will begin work at the facility on Monday, September 22, 2008.
- ❖ A psychiatrist has been hired for the vacancy on the "C" Treatment Team. Dr. Gail Ingram will begin work October 5, 2008. Dr. Ingram comes to the facility from Hawaii.
- ❖ Human Resources continues recruitment to fill the remaining physician vacancies. SWVMHI has purchased a mailing list of 15,000, contracted a head hunter firm, purchased advertisements, and contacted residency programs.

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ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS (Closed Session)

Nick Brown provided the L.H.R.C. with a report of abuse and neglect cases for the months of May - August 2008.

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

Nick Brown presented a review of the seclusion/restraint data for the period of May – August 2008.

COMPLAINTS (Closed Session)

Nick Brown presented the L.H.R.C. with the complaints received at Keystone during the months of May – August 2008.

ADMINISTRATOR’S ISSUES (Open Session)

- Larry Brown, Interim CEO of Keystone Youth of Marion, announced that a CEO search was in progress for someone to fill the position permanently.
- Unannounced inspections have been conducted at the facility by the Department of Licensing and the Department of Human Rights. Corrective action plans are being generated.
- Building improvements are underway at the facility and will include replacement of the locking mechanisms.

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REVIEW OF REPORTS (Open Session)

Deborah Jones, L.C.S.W., Human Rights Advocate, reported there were no incidents of seclusion/restraint, no reports of abuse/neglect, and no complaints received for the period of May – August 2008.

RIDGEVIEW PAVILION

Deborah Jones, Human Rights Advocate reported there were no reports of abuse/neglect, no complaints, and no incidents of seclusion and restraint during the period of May – August 2008.

ADVOCATE/COMMITTEE ISSUES

Review of Application of Prospective Member. Rachel Jones, prospective member, submitted her application for membership to the L.H.R.C., and was subsequently interviewed by the Committee. The Committee unanimously accepted and approved Mrs. Jones' application for membership. Mrs. Jones' application to be forwarded to the State Human Rights Committee for review and approval.

Nominations for Position of Chair and Vice Chair. Deidra Mathena was nominated and subsequently elected by the Committee to serve as Chair of the L.H.R.C. for the period of July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009. Elouise Vaught was nominated and subsequently elected by the Committee to serve as Vice Chair of the L.H.R.C. for the period of July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next L.H.R.C. meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, November 13, 2008**, at 12 Noon in Room 106 of the Henderson Building on the grounds of SWVMHI.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 P.M.

Chair

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