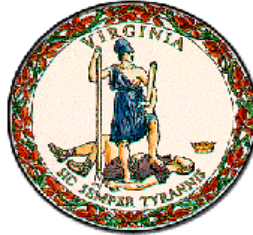


# MINUTES SWVMHI LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING



Wednesday, October 27, 2010  
SWVMHI – Henderson Conference Room 106  
12:00 Noon

## MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Fendig  
Elouise Vaught  
Willie McFarlane

## MEMBERS ABSENT:

Deidra Mathena, Chair  
Peggy Phipps  
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 Mark Fendig, Vice Chairperson, at 12:00 Noon on Thursday, October 7, 2010, at Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute, Henderson Building Conference Room 106.

## **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

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A motion was made to approve the L.H.R.C. Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2010. The motion was seconded 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.*

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

Robyn Anderson reviewed with the Committee the current Barriers to Discharge Report for patients within SWVMHI. Robyn reported that there were currently multiple barriers to discharge for patients on the list. She indicated that there was only one patient on the list from Extended Rehab Services, which is great.

### **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 July - October 2010.

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

Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., provided the L.H.R.C. with the number of formal complaints received at the facility during the period of July – September 2010.

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

Colin Barrom, Ph.D., presented a review of the seclusion/restraint data for the period of July - August 2010.

**Director's Issues**

Dr. McClaskey provided the Committee with an update on the proposed closure of the facility's Geriatric Unit, Ward E. There have been a number of meetings with the Facility Directors at Catawba and Piedmont and CSBs throughout the summer to coordinate the closure of Ward E. Families of patients on this ward have been notified of the proposed closure. After June 2011, SWVMHI will no longer serve patients 65 years of age or older. Dr. McClaskey noted that the facility has been holding positions since this summer to keep from laying off staff.

The Senate Finance Committee will be at the facility on Sunday, October 24, 2010, to discuss the closure.

**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 July – September 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 July - September 2010.

### COMPLAINTS (Closed Session)

Janice Collins, Marion Youth Center, presented the L.H.R.C. with the complaints received during the period of July - September 2010.

### DIRECTOR'S ISSUES (Open Session)

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

- Marion Youth Center is now accepting eight, nine, and ten-year-old children to the program.
- A Restraint Prevention Committee was recently formed at MYC.
- A new intensive Substance Abuse Program has been established at MYC, with eight children currently enrolled.
- The Mental Health Counselors are being trained in a 40-hour *Child Care Program*.

## 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. There were no complaints, abuse/neglect allegations, or seclusion/restraint incidents during the period of July - August 2010.

### ADVOCATE ISSUES

Ms. Jones has been speaking to prospective members for the SWVMHI LHRC and will meet with one of them in the near future. It is hoped that the Committee will be able to interview the prospective members at their next meeting.

## NEXT MEETING DATE

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The next L.H.R.C. meeting is scheduled to be held on **Thursday, December 2, 2010**, at 12:00 Noon in the Henderson Building H-106 Conference Room on the grounds of SWVMHI.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 P.M.

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Chair