

DRAFT MINUTES VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING



**Wednesday, November 9, 2011
SWVMHI – Administrative Conference Room
12:00 Noon**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Deidra Mathena, Chair
Mark Fendig
Jo Ann Johns
Rachel Jones
Elouise Vaught

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Willie McFarlane

OTHERS PRESENT:

Amanda Currin, Assistant Director Administrative, SWVMHI
Colin Barron, Ph.D., Psychology Director, SWVMHI
Robyn Anderson, Community Services Director, SWVMHI
Ade Ladenika, M.D., Psychiatrist, Geriatric Services, SWVMHI
Andra Savage, Clinical Director, Ridgeview Pavilion
Doug Keen, Program Manager, Ridgeview Pavilion
Rick Bridges, Director, Marion Youth Center
Janice Collins, Quality Assurance, Marion Youth Center
Nan Neese, Regional Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS
Lisa Berry, CPS, Secretary
Christy Bise, Secretary

PRESENTATION

Amanda Currin presented a plaque to Lisa Berry recognizing her years of service to the L.H.R.C. and Nan Neese added words of appreciation in behalf of the Department's Office of Human Rights. Lisa has served as administrative support for the committee since 1993. Lisa's facility duties have recently changed and she will no longer be working with the L.H.R.C. Christy Bise was introduced as the new administrative support person for the Committee and the members welcomed her.

CALL TO ORDER

The Local Human Rights Committee (L.H.R.C) was called to order by Deidra Mathena, Chairperson, at 12:40 P.M. on Wednesday, November 9 2011, at Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute, Administrative Conference Room.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the L.H.R.C. Meeting Minutes of July 26, 2011. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

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Barriers to Discharge Report (Open Session)

Robyn Anderson reviewed with the Committee the current Barriers to Discharge Report for individuals within SWVMHI during the period of July 22 – November 3, 2011. Robyn provided the Committee with the team, unit, and CSB breakdown of individuals who are currently on the list. The barriers to discharge involve multiple issues. Resources are impacting discharges as well. All RDAP monies have been exhausted.

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 July – September 2011. Dr. Barrom reviewed those individuals 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. He noted that facility-wide seclusion episodes have dropped this year by one-half to two-thirds compared to 2010.

Abuse/Neglect Report (Open Session)

Colin Barrom, Ph.D., presented the Committee with a report of all the abuse and neglect incidents for the period of July 27 – November 9, 2011. An investigation during this period concerning a sexual abuse allegation is pending.

Formal Complaints (Open Session)

Colin Barron, Ph.D., reported on the complaints during the period of July 25 – October 8, 2011. There was one complaint managed in the formal process and resolved at the Director's level. There were nine (9) complaints managed through the informal process during the period, seven (7) of which have been closed and two (2) that are still pending final review.

Facility Director Updates (Open Session)

Nan Neese reported that the advocate position based at SWVMHI has been moved to Catawba/Roanoke. Recruitment for the position closed last week. Once filled, the position will be working with the northern part of Region III and Nan will continue coverage for this area.

Review of Informed Consent for E.C.T. Referral (Closed Session)

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 2004 Commissioner's Memorandum relative to Referral for Electroconvulsive Therapy and to review the details of an investigation following the death of an individual.

Dr. Ade Ladenika, Psychiatrist, was present to provide information on two current ECT patients at the facility and respond to any questions from the Committee.

RIDGEVIEW PAVILION

Report of Serious Event (Closed Session)

Still in closed session, information was presented by Andra Savage and Doug Keen from Ridgeview Pavilion about a recent investigation at the facility.

Upon reconvening in public session, the Local Human Rights Committee individually 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 Committee requested that the final revision of the policy and procedure be resubmitted for review and comment.

Other than the investigation discussed during closed session, there were no other allegations during the reporting period of July – September 2011.

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

There were no instances of seclusion and/or restraint during the reporting period of July – September 2011.

Formal Complaints (Open Session)

There were no complaints during the reporting period of July – September 2011.

Facility Updates (Open Session)

Andra Savage discussed the employment of hospitalists and recruitment of five new psychiatrists who will be in place by December 1, 2011.

MARION YOUTH CENTER

Abuse/Neglect Reports (Open 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 2011.

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

Janice Collins, Marion Youth Center, presented the L.H.R.C. with a review of the seclusion/restraint data for the period of July – September 2011.

Complaints (Open Session)

Janice Collins, Marion Youth Center, presented the L.H.R.C. with the complaints received during the period of July – September 2011.

Facility Updates (Open Session)

Rick Blevins, Marion Youth Center, reported that the Center will be closing January 8, 2012. Mr. Blevins stated that this is a business decision made by the corporation and the result of clinical or therapeutic issues. The employees have been informed of the closing and what severance benefits are being offered to them. He assured the Committee that the youth will be moved to other locations but will not be discharged unless it is the right plan for them at this time. Due to limited placement space during the holidays, Mr. Blevins said he would like to have all children placed at other facilities by December 20, 2011. The building will be occupied until March 30, 2012 and a closing team will stay until that time to finalize everything. He thanked the Committee for their support over the years.

ADVOCATE/COMMITTEE ISSUES

The 2012 L.H.R.C. meeting schedule was tentatively set for the 3rd Tuesday of alternate months beginning January 17, 2012.

Nan Neese reminded the Committee that the new Bylaws included the office of Secretary and the Committee had not yet elected this officer. Willie McFarlane was nominated by Elouise Vaught and Rachel Jones seconded the nomination. The election was unanimously approved.

Nan Neese also recommended the establishment a sub-committee of three members who could convene quickly as urgent matters arise to ensure that treatment is not unnecessarily delayed. These matters would include reviews of informed consent for ECT, authorized representative/next friend appointments, affiliations, etc. The Chair appointed a sub-committee of at least three (3) members. Elouise Vaught volunteered to be on the sub-committee and Rachel Jones said she would be available as her work schedule allows. All

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members will be contacted but at least three must be present to conduct the business of the sub-committee.

There is one vacancy on the Committee and the affiliates were encouraged to recruit applicants.

It was mentioned by L.H.R.C. members how much members benefitted from the state-wide LHRC Seminar of years ago. There was discussion about holding a regional seminar resulting in a recommendation to plan one sometime next year. Wytheville and Blacksburg were suggested as possible meeting locations.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next L.H.R.C. meeting is scheduled to be held on **Tuesday, January 17, 2012**, at 12:00 Noon on the grounds of SWVMHI.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:57 P.M.

Chair