

DRAFT MINUTES SWVMHI LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING



Thursday, November 12, 2009
“C” Building Conference Room
12:00 Noon

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Deidra Mathena, Chair
Elouise Vaught, Vice Chair
Willie McFarlane
Peggy Phipps

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rachel Jones

OTHERS PRESENT:

Russ McGrady, M.A., M.B.A., Clinical Director, SWVMHI
Rick Bridges, Administrator, Keystone Youth of Marion
Tonya Trivett, Director of Nursing, Keystone Youth of Marion
Deborah Jones, L.C.S.W., Human Rights Advocate
Lisa Berry, CPS, Secretary
Mark Fendig, Prospective Member

CALL TO ORDER

The Local Human Rights Committee (L.H.R.C) was called to order by Deidra Mathena, Chairperson, at 12:00 Noon on Thursday, November 12, 2009, in the “C” Building Conference Room of Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and unanimously approved to accept the minutes of the September 10, 2009, 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.

UPDATE ON GERIATRIC PATIENT (Closed Session)

Jennifer Cregger, L.C.S.W., presented an update on a Geriatric patient the Committee has been following.

BARRIERS TO DISCHARGE REPORT (Closed Session)

Russ McGrady, M.A., M.B.A., reviewed with the Committee the current Barriers to Discharge Report for patients within SWVMHI.

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

Russ McGrady, M.A., M.B.A., presented a review of the seclusion/restraint data for the period of September - October 2009.

ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORT (Closed Session)

Russ McGrady, M.A., M.B.A., provided the L.H.R.C. with a report of abuse and neglect cases for the period of September - October 2009.

COMPLAINTS (Closed Session)

There were no complaints filed at SWVMHI for the period of September – October 2009.

DIRECTOR'S ISSUES (Open Session)

Mr. McGrady provided the Committee with an update on the budget situation at DBHDS and its effect on SWVMHI. Since the Committee's last meeting, the facility has received notice of additional budget reductions which will necessitate a reduction in the work force at the facility. The facility will offer an enhanced retirement/separation package.

KEYSTONE YOUTH OF MARION

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

ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS (Closed Session)

Tonya Trivett, Marion Youth Center, provided the L.H.R.C. with a report of abuse and neglect cases for the period of September - October, 2009.

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

Tonya Trivett, Marion Youth Center, presented a review of the seclusion/restraint data for the period of September - October, 2009.

COMPLAINTS (Closed Session)

Tonya Trivett, Marion Youth Center, presented the L.H.R.C. with the complaints received during the period of September - October, 2009.

DIRECTOR'S ISSUES (Open Session)

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

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- Eight of the residents will be participating in an art show today at the Arts Center in Kingsport. The residents have worked very hard on this project and are very proud of their accomplishments.
- Employee surveys received back and good suggestions received. Communication was one of the issues addressed by employees, and the facility is looking into purchasing a new walkie/talkie system in the next budget year.
- There is a reward/recognition program now in place for employees, which is working well.
- Dr. Elvira McClees started doing assessments and evaluations of residents effective November 1, 2009.
- The school program at Keystone has a new name: *New Hope Education Program*. The facility has VACEF Membership and is applying for accreditation.
- A Board Meeting was held September 29, 2009, with the Town Mayor, Police Chief, and Juvenile & Domestic Court Judge in attendance.
- Updates on the building continue.
- The facility now has a therapeutic dog who visits five days each week. The dog has been very effective in calming the residents down.

Mr. Bridges invited L.H.R.C. members to tour their facility and stay for lunch at the January 14, 2010, meeting.

ADVOCATE/COMMITTEE ISSUES

Deborah Jones reported for *Ridgeview Pavilion* stating that they had no episodes of seclusion/restraint, abuse/neglect, or formal complaints during the months of September – October 2009. Census at this facility has been low in recent months.

Ms. Jones will be traveling to Richmond on Tuesday for a Quarterly Advocates' Meeting. Discussion will be held on ways the office can work more efficiently with fewer staff.

The L.H.R.C. interviewed Mr. Mark Fendig who presented his application for membership to the Committee. A motion was made by the L.H.R.C. and unanimously approved Mr. Fendig for membership. Information to be forwarded to the S.H.R.C. for review and approval.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next L.H.R.C. meeting is scheduled to be held on **Thursday, January 14, 2009**, at 10:45 A.M. at Keystone Youth Center, Marion, Virginia.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Chair