

# DRAFT MINUTES

## SWVMHI LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING



Thursday, November 13, 2008  
SWVMHI Henderson Building Conference Room  
12:00 Noon

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Deidra Mathena, Chair  
Elouise Vaught  
Willie McFarlane  
Rachel Jones

### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Phillip Moser

### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., Facility Director, SWVMHI  
Colin Barron, Ph.D., Facility Representative, SWVMHI  
Debbie Boelte, L.C.S.W., Social Work Director, SWVMHI  
Jennifer Cregger, L.C.S.W., Clinical Social Worker, Geriatric Services, SWVMHI  
Doug Smith, Volunteer Services Director, SWVMHI  
Rick Bridges, CEO, Keystone Youth of Marion  
Nick Brown, Residential Director, Keystone Youth of Marion  
Robin Poe, Director of Nursing, Keystone Youth of Marion  
Janice Collins, Training Coordinator, Keystone Youth of Marion  
Kaatri Anderson, Therapist, Senior Life Solutions of Johnston Memorial Hospital  
Claudia Duffy, Former L.H.R.C. 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 12:30 P.M. on Thursday, November 13, 2008, in the Henderson Building, Conference Room 106 of Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute.

Deborah Jones, Human Rights Advocate, made a presentation to Claudia Duffy on behalf of the Committee. Claudia served on the SWVMHI as a loyal member from April 2001 through June 2008.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made and unanimously approved to accept the minutes of the September 13, 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)**

Debbie Boelte, L.C.S.W., Social Work Director, reviewed with the Committee the current Barriers to Discharge Report for patients within SWVMHI. Ms. Boelte also reviewed patients who are also on the Extraordinary Barriers List. Ms. Boelte explained that the RDAP and DAP funds have been expended for the current fiscal year, as well as DAP funds for NGRI patients.

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

Colin Barrom, Ph.D., Psychology Director, presented a review of the seclusion/restraint data for the period of September - October 2008.

The Committee requested that the admission date for the patients on the Acute Admissions Unit be listed on future reports.

**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 September – October 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 September - October 2008.

**REVIEW OF TREATMENT PLAN (Closed Session)**

- ❖ Jennifer Cregger, L.C.S.W., Geriatric Services, presented the Committee with an update on the Treatment Plan for a Geriatric patient. The Committee had questions in regard to positive reinforcers offered in the plan at the September 2008 meeting. Mrs. Cregger reassured the Committee that positive reinforcers were in place and listed those for the Committee members. Mrs. Cregger also informed the Committee that this patient's plan was the first recovery assistance plan implemented at the facility.

L.H.R.C. to review plan at the March 2009 meeting.

**VOLUNTEER SERVICES (Open Session)**

Doug Smith, Volunteer Services Director, was present to answer questions in regard to Volunteer Services at the facility and the accessibility of the facility to volunteer groups. Mr. Smith explained that with large volunteer groups, he meets the group at the side entrance of the facility to sign a roster and then the roster is sent to the front of the building.

The Committee inquired if volunteers were given a handout or brochure explaining to them where they can park and what entrances are handicap accessible. The Committee also questioned if parking can be allowed at the tennis courts for activities in the gymnasium. Dr. McClaskey noted that she would have to speak with Don Chisler about that. Doug assured the Committee he would pay better attention to these types of issues in the future.

**DIRECTOR'S ISSUES (Open Session)**

Dr. McClaskey updated the Committee on the following issues:

- Dr. Jim Grubbs has been hired as the new Medical Director at SWVMHI and was present at the Committee's luncheon to meet the L.H.R.C. members. He explained that four physician positions remain vacant, and the facility still faces challenging recruitment issues.
- There continues to be two Psychology vacancies at the facility and recruitment continues for these positions.
- The budget cuts for FY09 for SWVMHI were not too severe. However, it was decided that positions of Human Resources Directors throughout Virginia would be regionalized. Ruby Wells, Human Resources Director at SWVMHI, will be taking early retirement. Information on budget cuts for FY10 is still forthcoming.
- Amanda Currin has been hired as the new Assistant Director of Administrative Services. She is a native to Marion.

**KEYSTONE YOUTH OF MARION**

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**ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS (Closed Session)**

Janice Collins provided the L.H.R.C. with a report of abuse and neglect cases for the months of September – October 2008.

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

Janice Collins presented a review of the seclusion/restraint data for the period of September –October 2008.

**COMPLAINTS (Closed Session)**

Janice Collins presented the L.H.R.C. with the complaints received at Keystone during the months of September – October 2008.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S ISSUES (Open Session)**

Rick Bridges introduced himself as the new CEO of Keystone Youth of Marion. He updated the Committee on the following issues:

- Acuity of clients being accepted at facility is changing.
- Keystone is using sister facilities for assistance and resources.
- Planning an employee retreat and hope to change programming at facility.
- Inside of building has been painted with more calming colors.
- New furniture and a different atmosphere has been created.
- Recruitment is underway for certified Recreation Therapist.
- A new Coordinator of Education has been hired and has made a huge impact.

**SENIOR LIFE SOLUTIONS OF J.M.H.**

**REVIEW OF REPORTS (Open Session)**

Kaatri Anderson, Therapist, was present and announced that she did not have any incidents of seclusion/restraint, no complaints, and no abuse/neglect reports for the period of September – October 2008.

Mrs. Anderson did report that Senior Life Solutions will merge with Mountain States Health Alliance in December 2008. They have indicated that they plan to expand services.

The Lunch and Learn sessions are beginning again. Mrs. Anderson invited members to attend these sessions. Lunch is provided and the seminars are free.

**RIDGEVIEW PAVILION**

Deborah Jones, Human Rights Advocate, reported on behalf of Andra Savage for Ridgeview Pavilion. There were no reports of abuse/neglect, no complaints, and no incidents of seclusion and restraint during the period of September - October 2008.

**ADVOCATE/COMMITTEE ISSUES**

Phillip Moser, L.H.R.C. member, indicated several months ago of a change in his work days and hours and the possibility of it impacting his participation at future L.H.R.C. meetings. Mr. Moser has only been able to attend two of this year's committee meetings. Deborah Jones to forward a letter to Mr. Moser and to the S.H.R.C. to remove him from the SWVMHI L.H.R.C. roster.

Nan Neese is compiling new information on F.O.I.A. (Freedom of Information Act). Mrs. Jones will present training to members once information is received from Mrs. Neese.

## **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next L.H.R.C. meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, January 8, 2009**, at 12 Noon in Room 106 of the Henderson Building on the grounds of SWVMHI.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

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Chair

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