

# MINUTES

## SWVMHI LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING



Thursday, June 27, 2007  
SWVMHI "C" Building Conference Room  
12:00 Noon

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Deidra Mathena, Chairperson  
Leslie Birch, Vice Chairperson  
Claudia Duffy  
Peggie Roland  
Trudy Combs  
Benjamin Plummer

### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Phillip Moser

### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., Facility Director, SWVMHI  
Anthony Gage, L.C.S.W., Community Services Director, SWVMHI  
George Martin, M.D., Medical Director, SWVMHI  
Nick Brown, Risk Manager, Keystone Youth of Marion  
Robin Poe, Director of Nursing, Keystone Youth of Marion  
Kaatri Anderson, L.C.S.W., A.C.S.W., Senior Life Solutions of JMHI  
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, Chairperson, at 12:30 P.M. on Wednesday, June 27, 2007, 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 March 8, 2007, meeting, with suggested changes.

## **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., reviewed with the Committee the current Barriers to Discharge Report for patients within SWVMHI.

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

Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., presented a review of the seclusion/restraint data for the period of March – May 2007. Dr. McClaskey noted that information and data regarding seclusion/restraint would soon be available on the facility’s Intranet, listed by treatment team and ward. She also reviewed upcoming training that is planned for facility staff in the coming year.

**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 March 9, 2007, to the present.

**INFORMAL/FORMAL COMPLAINTS (Closed Session)**

Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., provided the L.H.R.C. with a report of the number of informal and formal complaints received at SWVMHI for the period of March 9, 2007 to the present.

**REVIEW OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (Open Session)**

Dr. George Martin, Medical Director, reviewed the following Medical Services policies and procedures:

**Policy #3001, Restraints for Medical Indications.** The LHRC suggested the facility set a specific time limit for the physician to complete the assessment (p. 4, 3.a.).

**Policy #3033, Emergency Use of Seclusion or Restraint.** The LHRC noted some confusion as to what happens when the patient wants the family notified, but the family has requested not to be notified. Dr. McClaskey indicated wording could be changed to this section to state that the patient gives permission for the family to be contacted.

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

Dr. Cynthia McClaskey updated the Committee on the following issues:

- Dr. McClaskey met with Highlands CSB and Johnston Memorial Hospital on June 19, 2007, to discuss medical screenings, noting it was a very productive meeting.
- Staff from DMAS presented UAI and Level II training to facility staff last week.
- A celebration of the life of Dr. Carlos Blattner was held at the facility May 25, 2007. Dr. Blattner worked at the facility as a physician, retired, and then came back to work on a part-time basis. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.
- The Governor of Virginia presents six to seven awards each year to state employees, and this year our very own Herb Firestone received an award in the category of *Innovation*. Mr. Firestone has since retired from the facility.
- The facility held its Quarterly Recognition Event in combination with Earth Day in May, and it was a huge success.
- The facility will become tobacco free effective October 10, 2007. Several committees have been formed at the facility to assist staff and patients with this change.

## **KEYSTONE YOUTH OF MARION**

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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 March and April 2007.

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

Nick Brown presented a review of the seclusion/restraint data for the period of March and April 2007.

### **INFORMAL/FORMAL COMPLAINTS (Closed Session)**

Nick Brown presented the L.H.R.C. with the formal and informal complaints received at Keystone during the months of March and April 2007.

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

- Three-year Accreditation Survey and Licensure Review were completed with good results.
- Robin Poe was introduced as the new Director of Nursing.

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

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### **REVIEW OF REPORTS (Open Session)**

Kaatri Anderson, L.C.S.W., A.C.S.W., reported there were no incidents of seclusion/restraint or reports of abuse/neglect or informal/formal complaints for the period of March – May 2007.

## **REVIEW OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ( Open Session)**

Ms. Anderson presented the LHRC with Policy #08-01-01, Human Rights General Provisions, and Policy #08-01-02, Assurance of Human Rights. The Committee made the suggestion that the two policies be combined, and asked that Senior Life Solutions respond back to this suggestion at the next meeting.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S ISSUES**

Ms. Anderson noted that the program is doing well. The current census is growing at 13 clients.

## **ADVOCATE/COMMITTEE ISSUES**

### **Ridgeview Pavilion**

Deborah Jones, L.C.S.W., announced there were no incidents of abuse/neglect or seclusion/restraint for the period of March through May 2007. There were no informal/formal complaints received at Ridgeview Pavilion during this time.

### **Nomination/Election of LHRC Officers**

A motion was made to nominate and elect Deidra Mathena as the Chairperson for the coming year. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. A motion was made to nominate Benjamin Plummer as Vice-Chairperson. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

### **Recruitment of LHRC Member**

Leslie Birch, Vice-Chair, was recognized for her years of service on the committee. Her term ends June 30, 2007. A new member is needed to replace Ms. Birch. Please forward any names for membership to Deborah Jones.

### **LHRC Seminar**

The seminar will most likely be held this fall. Central Office staff are currently planning the seminar and looking for a facility to conduct the seminar. Deborah Jones will keep members posted when a date is confirmed.

## **NEXT MEETING DATE**

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The next L.H.R.C. meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, September 13, 2007**, at 12 Noon in Room 106 of the Henderson Building on the grounds of SWVMHI.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 P.M.

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Chair

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