

**DRAFT MINUTES
SWVMHI LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMITTEE MEETING**



**Thursday, October 11, 2007
SWVMHI Henderson Building - Conference Room 106
12:00 Noon**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Deidra Mathena, Chairperson
Benjamin Plummer, Vice Chairperson
Claudia Duffy
Peggie Roland
Phillip Moser

OTHERS PRESENT:

Russ McGrady, M.A., M.B.A., Clinical Director, SWVMHI
George Martin, M.D., Medical Director, SWVMHI
Jonathan Crisp, M.D., Psychiatrist, SWVMHI
Colin Barron, Ph.D., Psychologist, SWVMHI
Deborah Jones, L.C.S.W., Human Rights Advocate
Sonia Smith, Technical Advisor to SWVMHI *L.H.R.C.*
Lisa Berry, Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

The Local Human Rights Committee (L.H.R.C) was called to order by Deidra Mathena, Chairperson, at 12:15 P.M. on Thursday, October 11, 2007, in the Henderson Building Conference Room 106 of Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and unanimously approved to accept the minutes of the June 27, 2007, meeting, as written.

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Fact-Finding Hearing of R.D., Extended Rehab Services

Deidra Mathena, Chairperson, explained that the L.H.R.C. had received a request for a fact finding hearing for Patient R.D., Extended Rehab Services, in regard to Participation in Decision Making, §12VAC 35-115-70 A., Rules and Regulations to Assure the Rights of Individuals Receiving Services from Providers of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services.

The motion was made and passed to go into Closed Session pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711.A.(4) and (15), to protect the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business including the review and consideration of health records, namely to conduct a hearing.

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.

Phillip Moser made a motion to accept the conclusion that R.D.'s personal consent is not required for his treatment at SWVMHI. The L.H.R.C. requests that R.D. be given the opportunity to explore options and avenues that may be available to him to improve his education due to his noting this to be a personal goal. The motion was seconded by Benjamin Plummer and unanimously approved.

Review of Behavioral Treatment Plans

T.J.M., Ward J. Colin Barrom, Ph.D., presented the L.H.R.C. with the new behavioral treatment plan for T.J.M., Ward J, which was written upon his re-admission to the facility.

Dr. Barrom explained that the previous plan was more restrictive. L.H.R.C. to review plan again at the January 2008 meeting.

S.E., Ward J. Colin Barrom, Ph.D., presented the L.H.R.C. with an update on S.E.'s behavioral treatment plan. Dr. Barrom noted the need to continue the plan at this time. L.H.R.C. to review plan at the January meeting.

ADVOCATE/COMMITTEE ISSUES

Smoking Cessation at SWVMHI

Deborah Jones reported that SWVMHI had officially become a smoke-free environment as of 12:00 A.M. on October 10, 2007. Smoking cessation programs for the patients have been implemented (patches, gum, etc.). Thus far, there have been no incidents of seclusion/restraint evolving from this change nor have any patient complaints been received.

Re-Appointment of L.H.R.C. Members

Trudy Combs resigned from the L.H.R.C. effective today, October 11, 2007. The Committee recognized Trudy for her dedication and commitment to the L.H.R.C. during her membership. Mrs. Combs' membership term is from July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2010.

A motion was made by Claudia Duffy to re-appoint Benjamin Plummer to the Committee for a term of three years, ending on June 30, 2010. The motion was seconded by Phillip Moser and was unanimously approved.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next L.H.R.C. meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, November 8, 2007**, at 12 Noon in Room 106 of the Henderson Building on the grounds of SWVMHI.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

Chair

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