

DRAFT MINUTES SWVMHI LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING



Thursday, November 8, 2007
SWVMHI Henderson Building Conference Room
12:00 Noon

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Benjamin Plummer, Vice Chairperson
Claudia Duffy
Peggie Roland
Phillip Moser

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Deidra Mathena, Chairperson

OTHERS PRESENT:

Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., Facility Director, SWVMHI
Anthony Gage, L.C.S.W., Community Services Director, SWVMHI
Gary Burns, Administrator, Keystone Youth of Marion
Nick Brown, Risk Manager, Keystone Youth of Marion
Kaatri Anderson, L.C.S.W., A.C.S.W., Senior Life Solutions of JMH
Karla Whitten, R.N., Program Director, Senior Life Solutions of JMH
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 Phillip Moser at 12:00 Noon on Thursday, November 8, 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 October 11, 2007, 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)

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 June – October 2007.

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 July 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 June 2007 to the present.

DIRECTOR'S ISSUES (Open Session)

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

- The facility has been experiencing an increase in seclusion and restraint incidents.
- Roy Layne, Assistant Director, Administrative, is on short term disability. Mr. Layne's position cannot be filled until the end of his short-term disability period.
- Family Day at the facility was a huge success. Keynote addresses were given by two consumers, there were two clubhouse choruses who sang, and several pets were on site which the patients loved.
- Dr. McClaskey is celebrating her 20th year at SWVMHI this year.
- Commitment criteria for the Commonwealth should be loosened in the upcoming legislative session. It is expected that the word "imminent danger" be changed to only "danger."
- The new Special Justices at the facility want an independent evaluation completed for each patient prior to their commitment hearing.
- The facility has been smoke free since October 10, 2007, and the transition has gone well.

KEYSTONE YOUTH OF MARION

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

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 June through October 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 June through October 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 October through June 2007.

ADMINISTRATOR'S ISSUES (Open Session)

Gary Burns, Administrator, updated the Committee on the following matters:

- Census is up at the facility with good services being provided, as well as the facility being financially sound. Mr. Burns noted that they have been very selective in the children admitted to the program.
- There continues to be some staff turnover.
- Incidents of restraints are continuing to decrease.

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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 June through October 2007.

REVIEW OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (Open Session)

Ms. Anderson brought back, at the Committee's request, Policy #08-01-01, Human Rights General Provisions, and Policy #08-01-02, Assurance of Human Rights, for review with recommended changes. Policy #08-01-03, Reporting & Investigating Allegations of Abuse, Neglect or Exploitation, and Policy #08-01-07, Restrictions of Client Freedom, were presented to the Committee for review.

A motion was made by Phillip Moser and seconded by Peggie Roland to accept the above-noted policies as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S ISSUES

Kaatri Anderson updated the Committee on the following:

- The current census of the program is 10 clients.
- Lindsay Blankenship, MSW, has joined the staff at Senior Life Solutions as a part-time clinical social worker.

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 June through October 2007. There were no formal complaints received at Ridgeview Pavilion and only two informal complaints, which were resolved to the patients' satisfaction. The Office of Human Rights is currently investigating an alleged Human Rights violation that reportedly occurred in September 2007. Findings of this investigation will be reported out at the January 2008 meeting.

Recruitment of LHRC Members

Deborah Jones has spoken with Willie McFarlane regarding membership to the SWVMHI L.H.R.C. Ms. McFarlane plans to attend the January 2008 meeting.

Deborah Jones has requested a Certificate of Appreciation for Trudy Combs by the DMHMRSAS Commissioner. We hope Trudy will be able to come back to a meeting for presentation of the certificate.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next L.H.R.C. meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, January 10, 2008**, at 12 Noon in Room 106 of the Henderson Building on the grounds of SWVMHI.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:33 P.M.

Chair

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