APPALACHIAN COMMUNITY LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

April 27, 2016, CONFERENCE ROOM 2, SWVTC

The Appalachian Community Local Human Rights Committee (ACLHRC) met on Wednesday, April 27, 2016.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Helen Rippey
Vickey McCarty
Nancy Thurman
Dona Blair
Frank Diamond
Sandy Yates

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Bill Bowers

OTHERS PRESENT:
BJ McKnight, Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS
Tammy Mabe, Risk Manager, SWVTC
Larry Smith, Chief of Program Support Services
Crystal Vaughan, Administrative Support
Patricia Bullion, Director of Staff Development, SWVTC
Priscilla Mays, Discharge Coordinator, SWVTC

I. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER.

Sandy Yates, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

No introductions were made at the ACLHRC meeting.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were presented at the ACLHRC meeting.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved on a motion by Nancy Thurman with a second by Vickey McCarty the agenda was unanimously approved by the ACLHRC.

V. APPROVAL OF January 27, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

By a motion by Nancy Thurman and a second by Frank Diamond the January 27, 2016 Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved by the ACLHRC.
VI. VIRGINIA TECH/RADFORD UNIVERSITY RESEARCH UPDATE

Patricia Bullion presented the research update. The team has conducted nine family interviews for previous NVTC individuals and seven interviews of family members with individuals of SWVTC. They are currently analyzing the transcripts. An article has been published in the International Journal for the Semiotics of Law-Revue Internationale de Semiotique Juridique, 1-19 called Displacing Marginalized Bodies: How Human Rights Discourses Function in the Law and in Communities. This article was by K.M. Powell, J. Dick-Mosher, A. Zvonkovic, and P.B. Teaster. There is another paper in process. They will be in contact with Patricia to keep the AC-LHRC updated. They do want to schedule a meeting with the committee to inform them of their findings. Let BJ McKnight have your suggestions in the next two weeks so we can begin to schedule their presentation.

VII. SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA TRAINING CENTER REPORT

Tammy Mabe, Risk Manager, presented the SWVTC Provider Quarterly Report of Human Rights Activities for the first quarter (January 1 – March 31, 2016).

Larry Smith, Chief of Program Support Services presented the SWVTC Provider Quarterly Report of abuse/neglect investigations and corrective action plans for the first quarter (January 1 – March 31, 2016).

Larry Smith and Tammy Mabe also gave an update on the video monitoring status on 8B, the cameras are up and running. They wanted AC-LHRC to review due to the time lapse in installation.

Priscilla Mays, Discharge Coordinator, presented the Discharge Report. She updated the census as it had dropped to 101 since the original report was mailed out.

A motion to accept the reports was made by Nancy Thurman and was seconded by Frank Diamond. Unanimously approved by the ACLHRC.

VIII. MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT

Helen Rippey and Sandy Yates have agreed to resubmit their applications for reappointments. BJ McKnight will submit these in May.

IX. ADVOCATE’S REPORT

The revised Human Rights Regulations continue in the review and approval process. The effective date will be announced when the regulations become final. Proposed changes are LHRC role changes and realignment of the number of LHRC's. One new role will require the LHRC to review and approve some restrictive behavior plans. The LHRC will review and approve restrictions on everyday freedoms under some circumstances. LHRC will also hear appeals and hearings of Director's decision and action plan on abuse/neglect cases and allegations of human rights violations.

Consumer vacancy was discussed and recruitment is put on hold until LHRC
restructuring proposals are either approved or denied.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

The ACLHRC did not present any other business.

XI. Nancy Thurman made a motion to adjourn the April 27, 2016 meeting; this was seconded by Helen Rippey and unanimously approved.

Approved:

Sandy Yates, Chairperson