APPALACHIAN COMMUNITY LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

January 25, 2017, CONFERENCE ROOM 2, SWVTC

The Appalachian Community Local Human Rights Committee (ACLHRC) met at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 25, 2017.

MEMBERS PRESENT:  
Sandy Yates, Chair  
Dona Blair, Vice Chair  
Helen Rippey  
Frank Diamond

MEMBERS ABSENT:  
Vickey McCarty, Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:  
B. J. McKnight, Human Rights Advocate  
Tammy Mabe, Risk Manager, SWVTC  
Dennis Shrewsberry, Facility Director, SWVTC  
Priscilla Mays, Discharge Compliance Manager, SWVTC  
Rebecca Oakes, Administrative Assistant, SWVTC  
Anisa Zvonkovic, Professor, Virginia Tech  
Pamela Teaster, Professor, Virginia Tech  
Katrina Powell, Professor, Virginia Tech  
Alexis Priestley, Graduate Student, Virginia Tech

I. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER.

Sandy Yates, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made and the Chair welcomed the members and others present to the meeting.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received at the meeting.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved on a motion by Helen Rippey with a second by Dona Blair with the agenda unanimously approved by the ACLHRC.

V. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 26, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

By motion of Dona Blair and a second by Frank Diamond the October 26, 2016 Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved by the ACLHRC.

VI. APPROVAL OF 2017 TENTATIVE ACLHRC MEETING SCHEDULE
By motion of Dona Blair and a second by Frank Diamond the 2017 Tentative ACLHRC Meeting Schedule was unanimously approved by the ACLHRC.

VII. VIRGINIA TECH UNIVERSITY RESEARCH UPDATE

The research team reported they interviewed ten (10) families, met with the individuals, and had a tour of SWVTC which gave them a great perspective and background on the current services. A summary of the pilot study with preliminary findings was presented to the ACLHRC and others present. The team expressed their thanks and appreciation to SWVTC and the ACLHRC. They informed the members of a plan to seek funding to continue the study and conduct follow-up interviews with individuals and families after transition to community based services.

VIII. SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA TRAINING CENTER REPORT


Priscilla Mays, Discharge Compliance Manager, presented the Discharge Report. SWVTC’s census is currently at 79. Seventeen (17) individuals have been discharged to the community since the beginning of the 2016 – 2017 Fiscal Year.

A motion to accept the reports as presented was made by Dona Blair and seconded by Frank Diamond with unanimous approval by the ACLHRC.

IX. ADVOCATE’S REPORT

B. J. McKnight, Human Rights Advocate, updated those present on the status of the Human Rights Regulations which were signed by the Governor and will be effective February 9, 2017. Regional training on the new Human Rights Regulations will be provided by the Office of Human Rights in collaboration with the Office of the Attorney General. The tentative date for the Region 3 training is March 2, 2017. A training location will be selected in the Wytheville/roanoke area and will be announced soon.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

The ACLHRC did not present any other business.

XI. Dona Blair made a motion to adjourn the January 25, 2017 meeting with a second by Helen Rippey and unanimous approval by the members present.

Approved:

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Sandy Yates, Chairperson