The Local Human Rights Committee for Southwestern Virginia Training Center met on Wednesday, February 27, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. in Conference Room #2.

B. J. McKnight introduced guest Becky Currin, with the Virginia Office of Protection and Advocacy.

Loretta Evans called the meeting to order.

On a motion by Betty Meredith, and a second by Joyce Bunn, the minutes from the January 23, 2008 meeting were unanimously approved.

B. J. McKnight shared a letter from the State Board, stating that the Board will pay for the $18 registration for one volunteer from the committee to attend the 25th Annual Volunteer Luncheon. SWVTC will pay for any others that wish to attend. The luncheon will be held in Richmond Tuesday, April 1. The deadline for reservations is March 14. As there were no volunteers at the meeting, B. J. will ask Charlotte Barkley and Dr. Wilson if they would like to attend.

Karen Poe, Facility Liaison gave a report on Restrictive Plan Review Form Changes. She distributed guidelines for Common Psychiatric Medications and Non-prescription Drugs to each member for their reference during the meeting.

On a motion by Barbara Holmes and a second by Betty Meredith the Local Human Rights Committee entered Closed Session pursuant to VA Code 2.2-3711.A(4) and (15) for the purpose of reviewing the restrictive behavior plans and/or medication reviews of residents. Such review would necessarily involve discussion and consideration of mental and medical records which are confidential and exempted from the Freedom of Information Act.

After review in Closed Session of the reports and restrictive behavior plans and medication reviews, a motion was made by Barbara Holmes and seconded by Betty Meredith that the LHRC convene in Open Session. The motion carried.

Upon reconvening in Open Session, the Local Human Rights Committee unanimously certified that, to the best of each member’s knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted 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.

On a motion made by Betty Meredith and a second by Barbara Holmes, the LHRC unanimously approved as presented individual programs presented by first names and register numbers for residents of Connections, New Horizon, and Pathways Cottages with one (1) recommendation and three (3) updates.
Under Other Business, recommendations were made regarding changes to the Restrictive Plan Review Form and other administrative issues regarding the review process that Karen Poe will summarize in a report to be mailed to each Committee member.

After discussion, Barbara Holmes made a motion and Joyce Bunn seconded that the Bylaws be amended to reduce the membership of the LHRC from nine (9) members to seven (7). All approved and motion carried.

B. J. McKnight gave a verbal report on the draft of the Advocate’s Annual Report, including annual report data on abuse/neglect issues, complaints for the year, restraint issues, and systemic issues and concerns.

On a motion by Judy Padgett and a second by Barbara Holmes, the meeting adjourned.

The next meeting of the LHRC is scheduled for Wednesday, March 26, 2008.