

# Minutes

## LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

### Southwestern Virginia Training Center

May 28, 2008

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**PRESENT:** Betty Meredith, Vice Chairperson, Acting as Chair  
Charlotte Barkley  
Joyce Bunn  
Barbara Holmes  
Judy Padgett  
Dr. Ohlen Wilson

**OTHERS PRESENT:** B. J. McKnight, Human Rights Advocate  
Deborah Lowe, LHRC Secretary  
Karen Poe, Facility Liaison  
Rebecca Currin, Virginia Office of Protection and Advocacy  
Dr. Rafael Semidei, Psychiatrist

**ABSENT:** Loretta Evans, Chairperson

The Local Human Rights Committee for Southwestern Virginia Training Center met on Wednesday, May 28, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. in Conference Room #2.

Betty Meredith called the meeting to order.

On a motion by Charlotte Barkley, and a second by Barbara Holmes, the minutes from the April 23, 2008 meeting were unanimously approved.

Karen Poe, Facility Liaison, gave a report on plans for the SHRC Meeting in SW Virginia. The meeting will be held at Crossroads Institute in Galax. Breakfast will begin about 8:30 and lunch will be provided. Two vans will be available for anyone who wants to tour SWVTC.

Mountain Valley Hospice and Palliative Care will hold training regarding their services here on June 19 from 1:30 - 2:30 and on June 26 from 1:30 - 2:30. They will be on-site to answer any questions from 9am to 5pm each day.

B. J. McKnight presented the Advocate's Report, reviewing three recent human rights complaints.

On a motion by Dr. Wilson and a second by Joyce Bunn 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 Joyce Bunn 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 Charlotte Barkley and a second by Joyce Bunn, 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 no recommendations and two (2) updates.

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The Abuse/Neglect Report from Larry Smith was postponed until next month, and will be first on the agenda.

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, June 25, 2008.

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