

MINUTES
Southwestern Virginia Training Center
Human Rights Committee Meeting
July 22, 2009
2:00 p.m.

Members Present: Loretta Evans - Chairperson, Barbara Holmes, Joyce Bunn, Judy Padgett, Betty Meredith – Vice-Chairperson, Charlotte Barkley

Others Present: Eddie Alford, Karen Poe, Dr. Woods, Dr. Rafael Semidei, B. J. McKnight

1. **Betty Meredith called meeting to order. Loretta Evans took over upon her arrival.**
2. **Public Comment** - none
3. **Approval of June 24, 2009 Meeting Minutes with change on Charlotte's reappointment from "for another year" to "for another term".**
Motion: Charlotte Barkley
Second: Judy Padgett

4. **Dr. Woods, Ed. D., SWVTC Director made the following announcements:**

Organizational Changes:

- Program Manager/Director of Pathways Program will retire as of July 31. Pathways will move under the Regional Community Support Center (RCSC) umbrella.
- Concurrent with that, the Connections Program Manager has accepted a new position as Development Services Director (formerly called Habilitative Services). Parke Quesenberry, Developmental Services Director, will serve as Liaison to this Committee, replacing Karen Poe.
- Cottages 5C and 5D will move to Connections, and 7C will be totally devoted to community. With less demand for dual diagnosis, there may be 2-3 beds on 7C that could service autism.
- A newly formed Department of Behavioral Health will include the Psychology Department and Dr. Semidei will serve as Department Head. This department will fall under the Medical Services Department and Dr. Mayberry will supervise the Department and Dr. Semidei. The immediate goal within the department is to reduce/eliminate the use of restraint.
- Dr. Woods introduced Eddie Alford as Risk Manager Assistant/Case Manager 5B. Michele Laird, Risk Manager, is out on maternity leave.

Dr. Woods announced that a video camera will be used for one month on 5D beginning Monday, August 3. In accordance with the new policy, notices were sent out yesterday to staff.

5. **Request for Addition to Agenda** – Greg Huff requested addition of a behavior plan review to the agenda. Addition was approved unanimously.
Motion: Betty Meredith
Second: Barbara Holmes
6. The Local Human Rights Committee entered Closed Session pursuant to VA Code 2.2-3711.A (4) and (15) for the purpose of hearing/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.
Enter Closed Session
Motion: Barbara Holmes
Second: Judy Padgett

7. **Reconvene in Open Session**

Motion: Betty Meredith

Second: Barbara Holmes

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.

The Local Human Rights Committee unanimously approved as presented individual programs for residents of Connections, New Horizon, and Pathways Cottages with one (1) Update and two (2) Recommendations requested.

Motion: Joyce Bunn

Second: Betty Meredith

8. **Other Business:** none

9. **Adjourn**

Motion: Betty Meredith

Second: Judy Padgett