

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

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

Others Present: B. J. McKnight, Dr. Semidei, Dr. Wilmoth, Parke Quesenberry

Betty Meredith called meeting to order. Loretta Evans took over upon her arrival a few minutes later.

Approval of October 28, 2009 Meeting Minutes and 2010 Meeting Schedule

Motion: Barbara Holmes

Second: Charlotte Barkley

Public Comment: none

Chairperson, Loretta Evans, reminded members on annual reviews to ask what is new or different and make sure the date is correct. Parke informed the Committee that the psychologists have not met and discussed or followed up on this yet. The Behavioral Health Department is planning to revise the Restrictive Program Approval Form (SWVTC Form #100A).

Report on SWVTC Instruction 570 – Dr. Rafael Semidei, Psychiatrist

Dr. Semidei advised the committee that he has decided after meeting with a representative from VOPA and with Dr. Wilmoth to split this policy/instruction into three different policies. He will rewrite within the next two weeks and review with VOPA and also the Policy and Procedures Committee and then present to the LHRC. The LHRC members asked for a draft. Dr. Semidei agreed to send to B. J. McKnight who will then send to members and Dr. Semidei will need their comments back within two weeks.

Report on Director's Response to T. D. Plan of Correction Recommendations – Parke Quesenberry, Facility Liaison

Parke distributed notes on the follow-up on LHRC recommendations. The LHRC Committee discussed. Charlotte Barkley made a motion that the report be accepted as written with an update at the January meeting. Joyce Bunn seconded and the motion carried with all in favor.

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 restraint report and 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: Betty Meredith

Reconvene in Open Session

Motion: Judy Padgett

Second: Joyce Bunn

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 the restraint report and the individual programs for residents of Connections, New Horizon, and Pathways Cottages with no (0) Update Requested, two (2) Recommendations.

Motion: Betty Meredith

Second: Joyce Bunn

Other Business:

- Advocate Report – The southwest/Region III Office of Human Rights (OHR) will not be expanding to include other community services boards on a permanent basis as previously reported. The SWVTC LHRC will continue coverage of SWVTC without other provider affiliations at this time.

Adjourn

Motion: Betty Meredith

Second: Joyce Bunn

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