

APPALACHIAN COMMUNITY LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

July 24, 2013

The Appalachian Community Local Human Rights Committee (ACLHRC) met on Wednesday, July 24, 2013 at Southwestern Virginia Training Center, Hillsville, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Helen Rippey
Frank Wright
Nancy Thurman
Vickey McCarty
Sandy Yates

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dona Blair

OTHERS PRESENT:

Tammy Mabe, SWVTC LHRC Liaison
Kelly Williams, SWVTC Investigator
Priscilla Mays, SWVTC Discharge Coordinator
B. J. McKnight, Human Rights Advocate

I. CALL TO ORDER

Sandy Yates, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Kelly Williams was introduced as presenting the SWVTC abuse report for Larry Smith, Chief of Program Support Services.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were presented at the Appalachian Community Local Human Rights Committee meeting.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon a motion by Nancy Thurman and a second by Frank Wright, the July 24, 2013 Meeting Agenda was unanimously approved by the ACLHRC.

V. APPROVAL OF MAY 22, 2013 MEETING MINUTES

Upon a motion by Nancy Thurman and a second by Vickey McCarty, the ACLHRC unanimously approved May 22, 2013 Meeting Minutes.

VI. SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA TRAINING CENTER PROVIDER REPORT

Kelly Williams, SWVTC Investigator, presented the second quarter (April – June, 2013) report on abuse/neglect investigations and corrective action plans. The ACLHRC requested a report on the corrective action plan for #18 at the October 23, 2013 meeting.

Kelly Williams presented an update on the implementation of corrective action plans for two abuse cases from 2012 (#24, #32)

Tammy Mabe, SWVTC Risk Manager, presented the SWVTC report on human rights complaints and corrective action plans. Ms. Mabe gave an update on human rights activities to assure implementation of SWVTC Instruction 415 Risk Factors, Prevention and Monitoring of Pica. The Committee requested more information on the policy and facility prevention activities at the October 23, 2013 meeting.

Priscilla Mays, Discharge Coordinator, presented and update on the SWVTC discharge process. One discharge occurred during the second quarter (June). Two individuals are in the process of visits with community providers in anticipation of discharge. SWVTC had no readmissions during the second quarter of any individuals previously discharged.

Upon motion by Nancy Thurman and second by Vickey McCarty, the ACLHRC unanimously approved the reports as presented with a request for an update on the corrective action plan for one abuse/neglect investigation (#18).

VII. LHRC MEMBERSHIP

The State Human Rights Committee (SHRC) reappointed Nancy Thurman to a second term at the SHRC's June 7, 2013 meeting.

The ACLHRC reviewed the revised membership roster contact information, terms, etc. for accuracy with no errors identified.

Sandy Yates, Chairperson, received a nomination for the ACLHRC Secretary vacancy. Nancy Thurman nominated Vickey McCarty for Secretary with a second of the nomination by Helen Rippey. The motion carried unanimously.

Sandy Yates informed the ACLHRC that she has an interested professional interest applicant willing to receive application information about LHRC membership. B. J. McKnight, Human Rights Advocate, will mail an application and information about the LHRC to the potential applicant.

VIII. ADVOCATE'S REPORT

B. J. McKnight, Human Rights Advocate, reported on the implementation of the updated Comprehensive Human Rights Information System (CHRIS). All community licensed providers, community services boards, and behavioral health authorities initiated data entry into CHRIS during the second quarter of 2013 to report abuse/neglect allegations, human rights complaints, serious injuries, and deaths. There are some implementation problems with the new database, but most providers are able to access and use the system for reports. SWVTC has encountered some problems with data entry for one individual. DBHDS Information Technology efforts to correct the problem have not been successful to date, but they continue to work on the problem.

Approved:

Sandy Yates, Chairperson