

MINUTES
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA TRAINING CENTER
March 22, 2006

PRESENT: Donald Lyons, Chairperson
Joyce Bunn
Sandy Yates
Charlotte Barkley
Wilma Brown
Loretta Evans
BJ McKnight, Human Rights Advocate
Dr. Mark Witherspoon, Psychology Director
Karen Poe, Staff Development Director

ABSENT: Dr. Ohlen Wilson
Denice Olinger
Betty Meredith

The Local Human Rights Committee for Southwestern Virginia Training Center met on Wednesday, March 22, 2006, at 2:00 p.m. in the IHP Review Room. Chairperson, Donald Lyons, called the meeting to order and presided.

On a motion by Wilma Brown, and a second by Loretta Evans, the minutes from the February 22, 2006, meeting were unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Joyce Bunn and seconded by Wilma Brown that the Local Human Rights Committee go into Executive Session pursuant to VA Code 2.2-3711.A(4) and (15) for the purpose of hearing a Resident Services Plan Review Report by Loretta Evans, committee member. 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 Executive Session, a motion was made by Loretta Evans, seconded by Charlotte Barkley, 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 Executive Session, were discussed in the Executive Session.

Recommendations were made and considered following Ms. Evans' report. The committee supported Ms. Evans' recommendations regarding the services plan of the individual reviewed for the facility staff to review the higher incidence of behavior data on second shift and to consider facilitating an increased independence in the work program. It was also recommended to invite residents to hear the presentation of their plan to the LHRC.

A motion was made by Loretta Evans and seconded by Wilma Brown that the Local Human Rights Committee go into Executive 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 Executive Session, a motion was made by Charlotte Barkley and seconded by Joyce Bunn that the LHRC convene in Open Session. The motion carried.

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On a motion made by Loretta Evans and a second by Charlotte Barkley, 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 follow-up report.

SWVTC's Risk Manager, Sandy Cook, reviewed the Center's policy on *Consent for Treatment and Services*, Instruction 12. She explained the two forms which accompany the policy (*Initial and Annual Consent for Health Care* and *SWVTC Informed Consent*) and answered the committee's questions. The policy was reviewed by the committee for compliance with the State Human Rights Regulations.

A motion was made by Loretta Evans and seconded by Joyce Bunn that the Local Human Rights Committee go into Executive Session pursuant to VA Code 2.2-3711.A(4) and (15) for the purpose of hearing a report on abuse and neglect cases from Larry Smith, Facility Investigator. 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 Executive Session, a motion was made by Charlotte Barkley and seconded by Joyce Bunn that the LHRC convene in Open Session. The motion carried.

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The Advocate's Report was postponed until next month.

The next meeting of the LHRC is scheduled for Wednesday, April 26, 2006.

A motion was made by Charlotte Barkley and seconded by Joyce Bunn that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried.