

MINUTES
Southwestern Virginia Training Center
Human Rights Committee Meeting
March 24, 2010
2:00 p.m.

Members Present: Betty Meredith, Acting Chairperson, Barbara Holmes, Joyce Bunn, Judy Padgett, Charlotte Barkley

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

Absent: Loretta Evans, Chairperson

Betty Meredith called meeting to order.

Approval of February 24, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Barbara Holmes

Second: Judy Padgett

Public Comment: None

Director's General Report and Budget Reductions Update – Dr. Dale Woods, Ed. D., SWVTC Director

Budget appropriation will be \$755,562 less by 2011. Resident population must be reduced by at least 6 persons. Dr. Woods reviewed the basic plan for meeting that reduction. Committee accepted report as presented. Dr. Woods also mentioned the upcoming visit of the State DBHDS Board, which will be meeting here April 7, 8.

Update on SWVTC Instruction 570 – Dr. Rafael Semidei

Departmental Instruction is being revised. Chairperson and Advocate will review and give comments to Dr. Semidei before it is presented to Committee.

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 SWVTC Monthly Restraint Report, the restrictive behavior plans and/or medication reviews of residents, the Response to February LHRC Recommendations for Positive Behavior Support Plans, and the review of the six (6) randomly selected Positive Behavior Support Plans. 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: Charlotte Barkley

Second: Joyce Bunn

Reconvene in Open Session

Motion: Barbara Holmes

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 SWVTC Monthly Restraint Report, the Response to February LHRC Recommendations for Positive Behavior Support Plans, the review of the six (6) randomly selected Positive Behavior Support Plans, and individual programs for residents of Connections, New Horizon, and Pathways Cottages with no Updates requested, and six (6) Recommendations.

Motion: Charlotte Barkley

Second: Judy Padgett

Advocate's Report – B. J. McKnight, Human Rights Advocate

- **Distributed the FOIA information and asked that discussion be added at the beginning of the agenda for next month.**
- **B. J. reported that she is working on filling the vacancy of a medical professional for the committee, and that she may have some leads on that.**
- **Joyce's term is expiring as of June 30, 2010, and B. J. discussed with her the possibility of her coming to work as a volunteer through our Volunteer Services Program. B. J. asked that Committee members consider possible candidates for filling the vacancy of a consumer on the Committee.**

Other Business:

- none

Adjourn

Motion: Barbara Holmes

Second: Joyce Bunn

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