

MINUTES
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA TRAINING CENTER
April 23, 2008

PRESENT: Loretta Evans, Chairperson
Charlotte Barkley
Joyce Bunn
Barbara Holmes
Betty Meredith, Vice Chairperson
Judy Padgett
Dr. Ohlen Wilson

OTHERS PRESENT: B. J. McKnight, Human Rights Advocate
Deborah Lowe, LHRC Secretary
Karen Poe, Facility Liaison
Michael Gray, Virginia Office of Protection and Advocacy
Dr. Rafael Semidei, Psychiatrist
Michele Laird, SWVTC Risk Manager

The Local Human Rights Committee for Southwestern Virginia Training Center met on Wednesday, April 23, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. in Conference Room #2.

Loretta Evans called the meeting to order.

On a motion by Barbara Holmes, and a second by Betty Meredith, the minutes from the March 26, 2008 meeting were unanimously approved.

B. J. McKnight introduced Michele Laird, SWVTC Risk Manager, who presented SWVTC's Risk Management Report, a summary of the last reporting quarter, January 1, 2008 to March 31, 2008. Some discussion followed. Next time Michele gives this report, she will include who is at risk for aspiration pneumonia, i.e., who has tube feeding.

Dr. Barry Mayberry presented a medical report on the change to generic valproic acid from the brand name Depakote. He described how the facility will transition and monitor the use of valproic acid. The reason for the transition is a cost savings to the facility. He will monitor each individual's adjustment. The facility will switch back to Depakote for any individuals as deemed necessary.

B. J. McKnight reviewed SWVTC's LHRC Bylaws Amendment. The major change to the bylaws is the reduction of membership from nine to seven. On a motion by Barbara Holmes and a second by Charlotte Barkley, the Committee unanimously approved the amended bylaws for presentation to the State Human Rights Committee.

Membership Reappointments and Recruitment - Dr. Ohlen Wilson and Betty Meredith both accepted reappointment to the SWVTC LHRC Committee.

Loretta Evans brought up the possibility of a need for sub-committees. B. J. McKnight reviewed the rules in the bylaws regarding establishing subcommittees. Discussion followed and everyone agreed to wait a few months and see if there truly is a need at that point.

Karen Poe shared information on Axis I - V diagnoses. All members requested a copy; and Deborah will send out in the packet for next month's meeting.

On a motion by Charlotte Barkley and a second by Judy Padgett the Local Human Rights Committee entered Closed 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.

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After review in Closed Session of the reports and restrictive behavior plans and medication reviews, a motion was made by Dr. Wilson and seconded by Betty Meredith 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 Closed Session, were discussed in the Closed Session.

On a motion made by Barbara Holmes and a second by Joyce Bunn, 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 no recommendations and three (3) updates.

The Advocate's Report was postponed until next month, and will be first on the agenda.

On a motion by Charlotte Barkley and a second by Joyce Bunn, the meeting adjourned.

The next meeting of the LHRC is scheduled for Wednesday, May 28, 2008.

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