

MINUTES
Southwestern Virginia Training Center
Human Rights Committee Meeting
May 26, 2010
2:00 p.m.

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

Others Present: B. J. McKnight, Dr. Janice Wilmoth, Dr. Rafael Semidei, Larry Smith, Dona Blair,
Nancy Thurman

Betty Meredith called meeting to order.

Approval of April 28, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Barbara Holmes

Second: Joyce Bunn

Public Comment: None

Interview of LHRC Applicants for Appointment:

Dona Blair is the Advocate at the Life Center and has 25 years experience. The Life Center's policies and procedures were written by her. Ms. Blair has worked as a liaison with three Human Rights committees previously – Mount Rogers, Tazewell, and Blue Ridge.

Nancy Thurman has been involved with several types of services, including SWVTC's Pathways. Ms. Thurman now lives with a provider and family. While at SWVTC, she worked for the Records Department. Presently, Ms. Thurman is interested in doing volunteer work.

The committee reviewed applications.

Recommendation of all LHRC applicants for appointment, and recommendation for reappointment to the SHRC for Loretta Evans and Judy Padgett:

Motion: Betty Meredith

Second: Charlotte Barkley

Unanimous recommendation of all applicants

Election of Chair/Vice-Chair:

Nominations from the floor: Loretta Evans, Chair
Charlotte Barkley, Vice Chair

Motion: Barbara Holmes

Second: Judy Padgett

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 SWVTC Abuse/Neglect Report, the SWVTC Monthly Restraint Report, the restrictive behavior plans and/or medication reviews of residents, 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: Judy Padgett

Second: Charlotte Barkley

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 and individual programs for residents of Connections, New Horizon, and Pathways Cottages with (1) Update requested. The LHRC made the following recommendations for Abuse/Neglect: include Plan of Correction with future Abuse/Neglect reports, update on abuse case #7, and review of case #8 at the June meeting. The LHRC made the following Recommendations for Positive Behavior Support plans: rewrite one plan, update all plans using Person Centered language, and review of the plans by a professional to be determined by the Director.

Motion: Betty Meredith

Second: Joyce Bunn

Motion carried by unanimous consent

Advocate's Report: None

Other Business: None

Adjourn

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