

MINUTES
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA TRAINING CENTER
August 23, 2006

PRESENT: Denice Olinger, Vice Chairperson
Joyce Bunn
Sandy Yates
Wilma Brown
Charlotte Barkley
Betty Meredith
Dr. Ohlen Wilson
BJ McKnight, Human Rights Advocate
Dr. Mark Witherspoon, Psychology Director
Dr. Rafael Semidei, Psychiatrist

ABSENT: Loretta Evans
Donald Lyons

The Local Human Rights Committee for Southwestern Virginia Training Center met on Wednesday, August 23, 2006, at 2:00 p.m. in the IHP Review Room. Vice-Chairperson, Denice Olinger, presided in the absence of the Chairperson.

On a motion by Dr. Ohlen Wilson, and a second by Betty Meredith, the minutes from the July 26, 2006, meeting were unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Charlotte Barkley 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 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 Betty Meredith and 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.

On a motion made by Dr. Wilson and a second by Sandy Yates, 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 progress report to be given at next month's meeting.

BJ handed out the Advocate's Narrative Report for June 2006. Her full report will be given at next month's meeting.

Other Business:

A progress report on the Pathways Program will be added to next month's LHRC meeting agenda.

An internet link has been established to the SWVTC website, and the LHRC minutes can be accessed through this link.

The next meeting of the LHRC is scheduled for Wednesday, September 27, 2006.

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