

MINUTES
Southwestern Virginia Training Center
Human Rights Committee Meeting
August 25, 2010
2:00 p.m.

Members Present: Loretta Evans, Chairperson; Charlotte Barkley, Vice-Chairperson; Nancy Thurman; Betty Meredith

Others Present: B. J. McKnight, Human Rights Advocate; Dr. Janice Wilmoth, Psychologist

Absent: Dona Blair, R.N.; Judy Padgett

Loretta Evans called meeting to order.

Approval of July 28, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Betty Meredith

Second: Nancy Thurman

Public Comment: none

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, and 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.

Enter Closed Session

Motion: Betty Meredith

Second: Nancy Thurman

Reconvene in Open Session

Motion: Nancy Thurman

Second: Betty Meredith

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 LHRC unanimously approved as presented the individual behavior plans for residents of Connections, New Horizon, and Pathways Cottages with one (1) Recommendation(s) and one (1) Update(s) requested if the person had regression in behaviors.

Motion: Betty Meredith

Second: Nancy Thurman

The Local Human Rights Committee Discussed Their Response to Request for Comments per SHRC Memo "Update on Human Rights System Issues" dated June 21, 2010:

1. LHRC Membership
 - a. In Region 3, reduction of OHR staff had an impact because the workload increased for the advocates.
 - b. Look at ways to improve community awareness of LHRC and thus improve/increase LHRC membership, such as going out to community groups.
 - c. Consumers – number of consumers, how are they distributed among the LHRC Committees. Equitable distribution of LHRCs according to the population of consumers.
2. Reduction in OHR Staff – no comments
3. Required Function
 - a. Continuing to review behavioral supports as an oversight function.

Moratorium on new LHRCs – is it a good idea? All agreed that it is.

The Committee recommends that LHRC Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson develop a draft letter for review by the LHRC at the September meeting.

Committee Discussed the Rewritten Positive Behavior Support Plans as a Whole:

All the rewritten plans that the LHRC has reviewed do not comply with the Human Rights Regulation.

Committee requests that Director come in during next month's meeting to explain the facility plan to develop person-centered individual services plans for all individuals receiving services at SWVTC.

Other Business: none

Adjourn

Motion: Charlotte Barkley
Second: Nancy Thurman

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