

MINUTES  
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE  
SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA TRAINING CENTER  
September 27, 2006

PRESENT: Donald Lyons, Chairperson  
Denice Olinger  
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  
Karen Poe, Facility Liaison

ABSENT: Loretta Evans

The Local Human Rights Committee for Southwestern Virginia Training Center met on Wednesday, September 27, 2006, at 2:00 p.m. in the IHP Review Room. Chairperson, Donald Lyons, presided.

On a motion by Charlotte Barkley, and a second by Betty Meredith, the minutes from the August 23, 2006, meeting were unanimously approved.

Karen Poe, SWVTC Staff Development Director, gave a report on the Virginia Tech research project regarding resident falls. Data is being analyzed and it appears that the methods used in the project made a difference in the number and severity of falls. A final report will be forthcoming.

Linda Edmonds, Program Manager for the Pathways Cottages, gave an update on the Pathways program. She reported on the number of clients the program has served in house and the technical assistance the Pathways staff have provided to the community.

A motion was made by Dr. Ohlen Wilson 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 Denice Olinger 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 Sandy Yates 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.

Human Rights Advocate, BJ McKnight, gave a report on allegations of abuse and neglect she has looked into for May and June.

Other Business:

BJ will send the LHRC members a copy of the Human Rights Regulations Draft with all the changes prior to the public hearing date.

The next meeting of the LHRC is scheduled for Wednesday, October 25, 2006.

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