

Minutes

LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Southwestern Virginia Training Center

October 22, 2008

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

OTHERS PRESENT: B. J. McKnight, Human Rights Advocate
Deborah Lowe, LHRC Secretary
Dr. Rafael Semidei, Psychiatrist

ABSENT: Charlotte Barkley
Karen Poe, Facility Liaison

The Local Human Rights Committee for Southwestern Virginia Training Center met on Wednesday, October 22, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. in Conference Room #2.

Loretta Evans called the meeting to order.

An amendment was made in the September 24 meeting minutes. Minutes with the amendment were unanimously approved on a motion by Barbara Holmes, and a second by Betty Meredith.

B. J. McKnight shared a training alert regarding Snack/Token Store and SWVTC's update of the language with all individuals present.

On a motion by Dr. Wilson and a second by Betty Meredith 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 Abuse/Neglect Report delivered by Larry Smith, Chief of Program Support Services, and for 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 Closed Session of the abuse/neglect report and restrictive behavior plans and medication reviews, a motion was made by Judy Padgett and seconded by Betty Meredith that the LHRC reconvene 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 Joyce Bunn and a second by Barbara Holmes, 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 seven (7) updates requested and one recommendation for amendment of one individual's Physical Management Plan.

On a motion by Dr. Wilson and a second by Judy Padgett the LHRC unanimously voted to amend the September 24th meeting minutes again to clarify that for one plan presented during the September 24th meeting for an individual residing on Pathways Unit, the medication was approved; however, the off-campus restriction of this individual was not approved, and a recommendation was made that the plan be rewritten and presented again in one month.

On a motion by Barbara Holmes and a second by Betty Meredith, the meeting adjourned.

The next meeting of the LHRC is scheduled for Wednesday, December 3, 2008.

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