

MINUTES
Southwestern Virginia Training Center
Human Rights Committee Meeting
October 28, 2009
2:00 p.m.

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

Others Present: B. J. McKnight, Human Rights Advocate; Nan Neese, Regional Human Rights Advocate; Dr. Semidei, Psychiatrist; Parke Quesenberry, LHRC Liaison; Michele Laird, Risk Manager

Loretta called meeting to order. B. J. welcomed Nan Neese to the meeting. Nan spoke briefly.

Approval of September 23, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Charlotte Barkley

Second: Betty Meredith

Public Comment

None

At this point on the agenda, Dr. Rafael Semidei was scheduled to introduce Dr. Janice Wilmouth, SWVTC's new Psychologist. Dr. Wilmouth was in a pre-service class and would not be available until 2:30. The introduction was postponed until then.

Michele Laird, Risk Manager, presented the Risk Management Event Report.

At this point on the agenda, Dr. Rafael Semidei, Psychiatrist, was scheduled to present a report on SWVTC Instruction 570. The policy revisions are not complete. Dr. Semidei hopes to have at the next meeting.

Enter Closed Session

Motion: Barbara Holmes

Second: 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 SWVTC monthly restraint reduction report, a Plan of Correction for an abuse investigation, 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.

Reconvene in Open Session

Motion: Judy Padgett

Second: Barbara Holmes

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 monthly restraint report, four recommendations regarding the Plan of Correction for an abuse investigation and individual programs for residents of Connections, New Horizon, and Pathways Cottages with three (3) Updates Requested, and two (2) Recommendations.

Motion: Betty Meredith

Second: Joyce Bunn

Advocate's Report – B. J. brought up discussion of the review by LHRC Committee of Behavior Support Plans that are not coming before committee. The committee discussed a procedure for looking at these non-restrictive plans as a critical next step to take. LHRC asked facility for a report of how many of these plans there are; Parke recommended taking a random sampling. The Committee requested copies of six randomly selected plans, each from a different cottage, be sent to all LHRC members in the November/December packet. Committee members will review and discuss at the January meeting.

Michele Laird will add Human Rights complaints to her report each month.

Adjourn

Motion: Betty Meredith

Second: Judy Padgett

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