

MINUTES
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA TRAINING CENTER
December 5, 2007

PRESENT: Charlotte Barkley
Wilma Brown
Joyce Bunn
Loretta Evans, Chairperson
Barbara Holmes
Judy Padgett

OTHERS PRESENT: B. J. McKnight, Human Rights Advocate
Deborah Lowe, LHRC Secretary
Karen Poe, Facility Liaison
Dr. Robert Smith, Director of Psychological Services

ABSENT: Betty Meredith
Dr. Ohlen Wilson

The Local Human Rights Committee for Southwestern Virginia Training Center met on Wednesday, December 5, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. in Conference Room #2. Loretta Evans called the meeting to order and immediately went into closed session

On a motion by Charlotte Barkley and a second by Joyce Bunn the Local Human Rights Committee entered Closed 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 Closed Session of the reports and restrictive behavior plans and medication reviews, a motion was made by Barbara Holmes and seconded by Joyce Bunn 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 Closed Session, were discussed in the Closed Session.

On a motion made by Charlotte Barkley 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 with four recommendations and one update to be given next month.

On a motion by Charlotte Barkley, and a second by Barbara Holmes, the 2008 Tentative Meeting Schedule and the minutes from the October 24, 2007 meeting were unanimously approved.

The Committee unanimously approved that the medicines with dosages and the medical diagnoses be included on the restrictive plan forms, and that the psychologists consult with the IT Department for help in revising the form to allow more room for information in each line. Karen agreed to develop a list of medications and dosages for the Committee's reference.

Wilma Brown resigned from the committee for personal reasons.

Karen Poe gave a report on restraint reduction recommendation. Karen reported on the resident serious injury.

The Committee reviewed the September 20 letter. Loretta recommended that Charlotte and herself review the websites contained in the letter and research licensing regulations.

Dr. Robert Smith announced that as of January 15, 2008, restraint will be eliminated from all behavior plans, and will be used only in emergencies.

On a motion by Judy Padgett and a second by Barbara Holmes, the meeting adjourned.

The next meeting of the LHRC is scheduled for Wednesday, January 23, 2008.