

LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: February 6, 2007 TIME: 2:00 P.M. MEETING PLACE: HWDMC Conference Room

RECORDING: Nancy N. Lewis, RHIT PRESIDING: Holvar E. Olson, Ph.D

FINAL MINUTES

Members Present: Martin, Eddie, Olson, Holvar, and Kemp, Susie
Member Absent: Betty Velez

Others Present: Garnes, Beverly, SVTC and HWDMC Human Rights Advocate, Rosenquist, David, HWDMC Director, Patterson, James L., Jr., M.D., HWDMC Medical Director, Flowers, Carrie, HWDMC Human Rights Advocate, Fereday, David, HWDMC Risk Management/Safety Director, Coleman, Brenda, VOPA Representative and Bowser, James O., Jr., Regional Advocate

CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE: _____

TOPIC/AGENDA	REPORT/DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION/ACTION	FOLLOW UP
I. Call to order	Holvar E. Olson, Ph.D. called the meeting to order. Upon Mr. Olson's request all individuals present introduced themselves.		
II. Approval of Minutes August 8, 2006 and October 18, 2006	Minutes of the August 8, 2006 and October 18, 2006 meetings were reviewed.	Minutes were approved as submitted.	
III. Public Comment	Public comments period was announced and individuals were invited to address the committee.	No public comments.	
IV. Review and Approval			
A) Report of Abuse Allegations Status of Abuse Cases	"A motion was made and passed that the Local Human Rights Committee go into Closed session pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.1-3711. (A) Paragraph 15 for the protection of the privacy of individuals and their records in personal matters not related to public business". Four Abuse/Neglect cases were presented by the Facility Director; three cases which were left from the last meeting and one case which was just received on February 5, 2007.	The committee requested that the facility submit their policy regarding securing patient funds to them for review.	

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B) Report of Complaint Allegations Status of Complaint Cases	<p>There were no complaint allegation cases.</p> <p>A motion to come out of Closed Session was approved and a roll call of the Local Human Rights Committee Members was made upon reconvening into open session with the chairperson calling the name of each member who responded with an affirmative “yes”.</p>		
V. Old Business	<p>Community Programs Affiliation with HDMC-LHRC:</p> <p>Dr. Olson announced that because of new membership, this issue would be deferred until the next scheduled meeting.</p>		
VI. New Business	<p>Dr. Olson provided the quarterly dates for forthcoming meetings for the year and encouraged all members to attend.</p>		
VII. Facility’s Report	<p>Mr. Rosenquist reported on the construction currently going on in the building because of an emergency deficiency heating and ventilation project. One wing, 2 North, is now clean and ready for re-occupancy, but the facility must have approval from the State Health Department before moving patients. The State Fire Marshall has approved the re-occupancy. A request has been made to the State Health Department, and permission has been granted, to temporarily redesignate General Medical Beds on 2North to Skilled Nursing Care beds until the project is completed. As a result of this approval eight (8) General Medical beds on 2North may be used to house eight (8) Skilled Nursing Care patients until the end of the construction project. It had been hoped that the project would have been finished by this time.</p> <p>The facility has not had the annual State Health Department Survey which is unannounced. Their visit can still be as late as March because of a 30 day window period for their visit.</p>		
VIII. Advocate’s Report	<p>Ms. Garnes called the attention of members to the booklet that</p>		

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<p data-bbox="92 610 359 667">IX. Interview – LHRC Candidate</p> <p data-bbox="92 1203 443 1260">Next Meeting Thursday, April 19, 2007.</p>	<p data-bbox="476 175 1142 386">she provided to all Committee Members on information from the State Board of Elections and the right of persons to vote. She addressed the public hearings on the proposed <i>Rules and Regulations to Assure the Rights of Individuals Receiving Services from Providers of Mental Health,, Mental Retardation, or Substance Abuse Services</i> (12 VAC35-115-10 et seq).</p> <p data-bbox="476 423 1136 542">Mr. Bowser stated that public hearings on the proposed regulations ended on November 17, 2006. The Department is now in the process of reviewing all comments on the regulations to determine what changes will be made.</p> <p data-bbox="476 610 1136 760">A motion was made and passed that the Local Human Rights Committee go into Closed Session pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711 (A) Paragraph 1 – Discussion, consideration or interviews of prospective candidates for appointment to a public body.</p> <p data-bbox="476 797 1150 915">One candidate was presented to Committee members as a perspective LHRC member. Interview was completed and the interview paperwork will be forwarded to the State Human Rights Committee for final approval.</p> <p data-bbox="476 953 1150 1130">Upon reconvening into open session, the members of the Local Human Rights Committee certified 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 closed session.</p>		

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