

LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: July 19, 2007 TIME: 2:00 P.M. MEETING PLACE: HWDMC Conference Room

RECORDING: Nancy N. Lewis, RHIT PRESIDING: Pamela Waitkus *DRAFT MINUTES*

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

Others Present: Garnes, Beverly, SVTC Advocate, Patterson, James L., Jr., M.D., HWDMC Medical Director, Coleman, Brenda, Disability Rights Advocate from the Virginia Office for Protection and Advocacy (VOPA) and Zachary S. DeVore, Staff Attorney for the Virginia Office for Protection and Advocacy (VOPA), Buren, Sharon, Laboratory Director and Fereday, David, Director of Risk Management and Safety

CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE: _____

TOPIC/AGENDA	REPORT/DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION/ACTION	FOLLOW UP
I. Call to order	<p>Pamela Waitkus called the meeting to order.</p> <p>Brenda Coleman informed the Committee that she had been reassigned to other DMHMRSAS facilities and would not be coming to future meetings. All attendees at the meeting introduced themselves to Zachary S. DeVore, Staff Attorney for the Virginia Office For Protection and Advocacy (VOPA), who accompanied Ms. Coleman to the meeting.</p>		
II. Approval of Minutes April 19, 2007 Meeting	<p>Minutes of the April 19, 2007 meeting were reviewed.</p>	<p>Minutes were approved as submitted.</p>	
III. Public Comment	<p>Public comments period was announced and individuals were invited to address the committee.</p>	<p>No public comments.</p>	
IV. Review and Approval A) Report of Abuse Allegations Status of Abuse Cases	<p>"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</p>		

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<p>B) Report of Complaint Allegations Status of Complaint Cases</p> <p>V. Old Business</p>	<p>public business”.</p> <p>David Fereday, facility Risk Manager, presented one (1) report of abuse allegation to the Committee.</p> <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> <p>Beverly Garnes reported that Dr. Holvar Olson was reappointed to the HDMC LHRC at the June 1, 2007 SHRC Meeting – actual effective date for reappointment is July 1, 2007.</p> <p>Ms. Garnes addressed the issue of Dr. Olsen’s absences from the LHRC meetings. She suggested that the committee send a letter to Dr. Olsen inquiring of his ability to attend schedule meetings.</p> <p>She also advised that Betty Velez, a Committee member, will not be able to participate on the committee due to health related issues.</p> <p>Election of officers for the Committee.</p>	<p>A motion was made and passed that the Committee submit a letter to Dr. Olsen regarding his lack of attendance to the LHRC meetings.</p> <p>A recommendation was made, and the Committee concurred, that a letter be forwarded to the State Human Rights Committee to remove Ms. Velez from the Committee.</p> <p>Committee members elected the following officers:</p> <p>Chairwoman: Pamela Waitkus Vice Chairman: Eddie Martin</p>	<p>Letter will be sent to Mr. Olson.</p> <p>Letter will be drafted to the State Human Rights Committee.</p>

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<p>III. Advocate's Report</p> <p>Next meeting – Thursday, October 18, 2007. Pamela Waitkus informed those attending the meeting that the meeting may have to be changed on this date because she has another meeting to attend.</p>	<p>months two of the units were completed and the windows on these two wards to not sweat anymore which has been a major benefit as far as patient safety and of course, the facility is more energy efficient, because the temperature can be maintained. We expect to be fully functional by the end of the summer or the beginning of the fall.</p> <p>Beverly Garnes, SVTC Advocate, provided the Advocate's Report in the absence of HDMC Advocate, Carrie Flowers.</p> <p><u>A. 12 VAC 35-105-115 – Draft Rules and Regulations to Assure the Rights of Individuals Receiving Services from Providers of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services</u> will hopefully be approved by September 2007 by the Governor.</p> <p>It was reported that tentative date for SHRC/LHRC seminar is September 13th-14th and the location of the training will be announced.</p> <p>Effective July 1st there is a new Chair and Vice-Chair of the SHRC:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Chairman: Kirby Wright Vice Chair: Christina Delzinzaro</p> <p><u>B. HDMC VOPA Representatives</u> New VOPA representatives for HDMC are Peter Wider, Advocate Investigator and Zachary DeVore, Attorney. Mr. DeVore was an attendee at the meeting.</p>		