

**TIDEWATER REGIONAL
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
September 15, 2009
MINUTES**

PRESENT

Christopher Boyd, LHRC Member
Mary Butler, LHRC Member
James Overton, LHRC Member
Reginald T. Daye, Regional Advocate, DBHDS
Stuart Prost, Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS
Stacey Durr, Chief Operating Officer, The Pines Treatment Center
Dana Gillentine, Risk Manager, The Pines Treatment Center
Fran Neaves, Director of PI/Risk Management, Virginia Beach Psychiatric Center
Paula Harr, Director of QMS, First Home Care
Katherine Greene, Clinical Coordinator, FHC Group Homes
Ramona Dominguez, Program Coordinator, Crawford Day School
Mary Hawkins, Program Manager, FHC School Based Services
Kristi Martin, FHC Community Based Supervisor – Eastern Shore
Kenya Ratliff, FHC Community Based Supervisor – Oyster Point Academy
Wes Mason, CEO, The Pines Treatment Center
Amanda Steeves, Risk Analyst
Felicia Tyler, Director of Clinical Operations, The Pines
Vonda Harrison, Director of PI/Risk Management, The Pines
Joe Mazzucotelli, Brighton Administrator, The Pines
Dwight Webster, Director of Chaplain Services, The Pines

ABSENT

Delinda Swanston, LHRC Member
Felicia Sawyer, LHRC Member

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Local Human Rights Committee meeting was called to order at 8:45 a.m. by Rev. Christopher Boyd.

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES

The minutes for the meetings of June 16, 2009 and August 11, 2009 were reviewed. Mr. Overton made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Butler seconded the motion and all members present voted to accept.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – there were no comments from the general public at this time.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. The Pines – Seclusion/Restraint Policy – approved during August 11, 2009 meeting.
- B. The Pines – LBGT Unit – Unit is now licensed. Motion made by Ms. Butler and seconded by Mr. Overton to grant permanent affiliation.
- C. The Pines – Conversion of cottage to residence – Mr. Overton moved that temporary affiliation be extended 90 days contingent upon information regarding release latch being installed and connected to alarm system as recommended by the committee. Motion seconded by Ms. Butler and all members present voted to accept.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. The Pines – Renewal of strip search variance. Approval letter from licensure has been received by The Pines to renew the variance. Mr. Daye requested a copy of the letter. Now that permission has been received for the variance, LHRC must approve the policy before it can be implemented. Mr. Daye has reviewed the policy and has no concerns regarding the policy. Discussion of the policy continued. Program rules of conduct are to be posted on the unit and discussed with the resident's authorized representative. Mr. Daye asked that one sentence be added that cavity searches are not done. Mr. Daye recommended approval of the Strip Search Policy after it is noted in the policy that cavity searches are not done. Mr. Overton moved that the Strip Search Policy with the inclusion of that sentence be approved. Motion seconded by Ms. Butler and all members present voted to accept.
- B. FHC – Group Home Wand Metal Detector Policy was reviewed with the committee by Katherine Greene, Clinical Director, First Home Care. Ms. Butler moved that the Group Home Wand Metal Detector Policy be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Overton and all members present voted to accept.
- C. The Pines – Rites of Passage Program – Dr. Dwight Webster, Director of Chaplain Services, gave the committee an overview of this program and the positive impacts that it has had on residents of The Pines.
- D. FHC – Satisfaction Survey Summaries – results of the surveys conducted in June, 2009 of all FHC program clients, referral sources, and caregivers were discussed by Paula Harr. Identified areas of below average satisfaction are referred back to the individual program to include in their Performance Improvement Initiatives.
- E. The Pines – Changes to the Special Precautions Policy: Self Injury 1:1 Protocol – purpose is to add another layer of safety for self injurious behavior. This includes wearing of sweat pants without strings, T-Shirts, and sleeping bags rather than the use of sheets. Difference between the 1:1 Protocol and Structured Living Protocol discussed. Recommendation made by Mr. Daye that the Structured Living Protocol and the time frame for its use be reviewed and consider combining that with the 1:1 Protocol which as it is written is out of compliance with the regulation of the time out provision. Ms. Butler moved that the Special Precautions Policy: Self Injury 1:1 Protocol be approved with the removal of unit restriction. The motion was seconded by Mr. Overton and all members present voted to accept.

VI. STANDING REPORTS

A. General Information

VBPC: Dr. Chris Nogeus, M.D. is the new Medical Director.

B Reports on Structured Living Protocol

VBPC: None

The Pines: None

Seclusion and Restraint Reports

(S= Seclusion) (MR= Mechanical) (PR = Physical) (CR= Chemical)

Location	May	June	July
Pines Kempsville	66 S 0 MR 104 PR	102 S 0 MR 133 PR	79 S 0 MR 125 PR
Pines Brighton	0 S 0 MR 62 PR	0 S 0 MR 74 PR	0 S 0 MR 36 PR
Pines Crawford	73 S 0 MR 83 PR	51 S 0 MR 85 PR	40 S 0 MR 36 PR
Virginia Beach Psych	S 15 MR 10 PR 5 CR 0	S 16 MR 11 PR 0 CR 0	S 7 MR 16 PR 2 CR 1
FHC- Oyster Point Academy	PR 13	PR 11	PR 9
FHC- Northampton Schools	PR 0	PR 4	PR 8
FHC- Crawford Day School	PR 2	PR 6	PR 8
FHC -Portsmouth School	PR 0	PR 0	PR 0

Overview of Allegation Reports

Location	May	June	July
Virginia Beach Psych	3	10	3
FHC- Oyster Point Academy	7	2	1
FHC- Northampton Schools	4	3	11
FHC- Crawford Day School	2	3	5
FHC -Portsmouth School	0	0	0
FHC- Group Homes	3	6	1
The Pines – Brighton	79	86	84
The Pines – Crawford	70	57	49
The Pines - Kempsville	72	53	47

VII. CLOSED SESSION

Motion: Ms. Butler made a motion that the committee go into Executive Session, pursuant to Virginia Code 2-2-3711A (4) for the protection of the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business, namely to review patient information from First Home Care, Northampton County Public Schools, Oyster Point Academy, Crawford Day School, The Pines Residential Treatment Center and Virginia Beach Psychiatric Center, pursuant to the regulations.

Action: Second was made by Mr. Overton. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Overton made the motion to open the session; Ms. Butler seconded the motion and all members present agreed.

Reconvened in Open Session: Upon reconvening in Open Session, Rev. Boyd, Mr. Overton and Ms. Butler of the Tidewater Regional LHRC unanimously certified to the best of their knowledge that only public business matters exempt from statutory open meeting requirements and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the Executive Session were discussed in accordance to Virginia Code 2-2-3711A (4).

VIII. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next regular LHRC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 8, 2009 in the Executive Board Room of The Pines- Crawford Campus.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Overton made the motion to adjourn. Ms. Butler seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45AM.

Mr. Daye reviewed the Freedom of Information Act materials with Mr. Overton, Rev. Boyd, and Ms. Butler following adjournment of the regular meeting.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Paula Harr, R.N.
Recording Secretary

Christopher Boyd
LHRC Chairman