

**State Human Rights Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Region VI

Friday, April 20, 2007

Danville Community College

Temple Building, Oliver Hall

1008 South Main Street

Danville, Virginia, 24541

ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING

8:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Michael Marsh, Chairperson

Angela Brosnan, Vice-Chairperson

Delores Archer

Joyce Bozeman

Christina Delzingaro

Carmen Thompson

Kirby Wright

Davey Zellmer

NOT PRESENT

Joseph Lynch

HUMAN RIGHTS STAFF PRESENT

Margaret Walsh, State Human Rights Director

Kli Kinzie, Executive Secretary

Charles T. Collins, Regional Human Rights Advocate, Region I

Nancy C. Neese, Regional Human Rights Advocate, Region III

James O. Bowser, Jr., Regional Human Rights Advocate, Region IV

Reginald T. Daye, Regional Human Rights Advocate, Region V

Sherry C. Miles, Regional Human Rights Advocate, Region VI

Michael Curseen, Patient Advocate, Central State Hospital

Beverly W. Garnes, Patient Advocate, Southside Virginia Training Center

Willie Barnes, Human Rights Advocate, Eastern State Hospital

Gianna Mitchell, Human Rights Advocate, Eastern State Hospital
Stewart Prost, Human Rights Advocate, Southeastern Virginia Training Center

OTHER STAFF PRESENT

Karen Walters, DMHMRSAS Special Counsel

OTHERS PRESENT

Thelma G. Wright, Southern Va Mental Health Institute LHRC Member
Tommy McMannen, Program Coordinator, Danville Community College
Lisa Lee, Secretary to Kirby Wright

Dr. R. Michael Marsh, Chair, opened the administrative session of the April 20, 2007 State Human Rights Committee meeting.

SHRC Goals

The Committee reviewed their bylaws and had no recommendations for changes.

Dr. Marsh thanked Margaret Walsh and Kli Kinzie for their help with the State Board Volunteer Luncheon.

Reginald T. Daye, Regional Human Rights Advocate, Region V, suggested that in the future it would be nice to give all LHRC members an award for their volunteer work. Mr. Daye suggested that we could use the reception before the seminar for an award ceremony. Davey Zellmer would like to see it continue with the State Board. Kli Kinzie suggested that as the SHRC visits each region for regularly scheduled SHRC meetings, the LHRC members of those regions could be honored. The Committee will further consider how to handle human rights awards.

Dr. Marsh thanked Delores Archer for her work on the officer nominations and on SHRC Committee appointments. Ms. Archer stated that she would report on the officer nominations later in the meeting. Ms. Archer reported that there were many good applicants to fill the vacancies after the terms of Dr. Marsh and Dr. Bozeman expire on June 30, 2007. Two applicants were present to meet the Committee members and watch the proceedings of the meeting. More applicants will attend the Marion meeting on June 1, 2007.

9:00 a.m. Tour of SVMHI

Mr. David M. Lyon, Director of Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute, provided staff to give a tour of the Institute. The tour guides were Cheryl Chittum, Clinical Director, LCSW, Jon Roach, LCSW, Social Work Manager, and Vicky Gammon, Staff Development Administrative Assistant. While on tour the Committee met Leandra Gunn, Dietary Manager for SVMHI. The Committee commented on how friendly and accommodating staff of the facility were. Dr. Marsh thanked Tommy McMannen for meeting the Committee at the hotel and leading them to the College.

10:00 a.m. Break

REGULAR MEETING

10:15 a.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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Angela Brosnan, Vice-Chairperson
Delores Archer
Joyce Bozeman
Christina Delzingaro
Carmen Thompson
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Willie Barnes, Human Rights Advocate, Eastern State Hospital
Gianna Mitchell, Human Rights Advocate, Eastern State Hospital
Stewart Prost, Human Rights Advocate, Southeastern Virginia Training Center
Stanley Cousins, Patient Advocate, Southern Va Mental Health Institute
Judy Crews, Human Rights Advocate, Central Virginia Training Center

OTHER STAFF PRESENT

Karen Walters, DMHMRSAS Special Counsel

OTHERS PRESENT

Thelma G. Wright, Southern Va Mental Health Institute LHRC Member
Lisa Lee, Secretary for Kirby Wright, Danville Community College
Mary Clair O'Hara, Clinical Training Manager, Office of Quality Management
Carolyn Lankford, Clinical Quality Manager, Office of Health and Quality Care
Jeannie Robinson, SHRC Applicant
Donald Lyons, SHRC Applicant and Chairman of SWVTC
David Lyon, Director, Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute

Dr. Carlyle Ramsey, President, Danville Community College
Tommy McMannen, Program Coordinator, Danville Community College

Welcome / Call to Order

The April 20, 2007 meeting of the State Human Rights Committee was called to order by Dr. R. Michael Marsh, Chairperson. A call for introduction of attendees took place prior to proceeding.

Kirby Wright introduced Dr. Carlyle Ramsey, President of Danville Community College. Dr. Ramsey welcomed the Committee to Danville and spoke very highly of Kirby. Dr. Marsh thanked Dr. Ramsey for his hospitality. Dr. Marsh also thanked Kirby Wright and Stanley Cousins for their hospitality and help with the meeting and with dinner arrangements the evening before the meeting.

David Lyon, Director of Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute, thanked the Committee for coming and welcomed them to Danville.

Minutes

The minutes of the March 9, 2007 State Human Rights Committee meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

Virginia Center for Behavioral Rehabilitation

The Committee received Advocate Reports for February and March 2007 for the file. Angela Brosnan noted the complaints that did not progress to Level 3.

By-Laws

Tuckahoe Local Human Rights Committee

James O. Bowser, Jr., Regional Advocate, introduced the Bylaws of the Tuckahoe Local Human Rights Committee for consideration by the Committee. Mr. Bowser explained that the language in the Bylaws was language recommended and endorsed by the State Human Rights Committee.

A Motion was made and unanimously passed to approve the Bylaws of the Tuckahoe Local Human Rights Committee.

Officer Nominations

Officer nominations and voting will be placed on the June 1, 2007 agenda.

SHRC Membership

Delores Archer introduced Mr. Donald Lyons and Dr. Jeannie Roberson, SHRC Applicants, and said that they were present to observe the meeting.

Human Writes

Davey Zellmer Stated that Nira is working on the current issue of the newsletter. Dr. Marsh reported that a group from Roanoke who were present at the State Board Volunteer Luncheon are not enthusiastic about the newsletter. They would like to get an e-mail notice when the newsletter is posted. Nancy C. Neese, Regional Human Rights Advocate for Region III, which covers the Roanoke area, said that her office will send out notice as new issues are posted. The Region III office will redistribute the issue that featured the Roanoke area. James O. Bowser, Jr., Regional Human Rights Advocate for Region IV, suggested that all of the Advocates, Regional and Facility, be featured in future issues of the Newsletter.

Public Comment Period 10:30 TO 10:45

Dr. Marsh announced the public comment period and invited individuals to come forward to address the committee. There being no individuals from the public who wished to speak, the committee continued with regular business

PowerPoint Presentations

Margaret Walsh, Director of Human Rights, introduced Mary Clair O'Hara, Clinical Training Manager, Office of Quality Management, and Carolyn Lankford, Clinical Quality Manager, Office of Health and Quality Care, to the Committee.

TOVA

Mary Clair O'Hara gave a presentation to update the Committee on TOVA (Therapeutic Options of Virginia).

Seclusion and Restraint

Carolyn Lankford provided a presentation that updated the Committee on Seclusion and Restraint.

2006 Annual Regional Human Rights Staff Activities Statistical Reports

Regions IV and V presented their "2006 Annual Regional Human Rights Staff Activities Statistical Reports". The SHRC also received a copy of each region's comprehensive written annual report.

SHRC Reappointment

The State Human Rights Committee decided to request that the State Board reappoint Delores Archer to the SHRC. A letter will be sent on behalf of the SHRC Chair to the Board Chair.

LHRC Membership

The SHRC decided that there were no issues concerning LHRC appointments that needed to be discussed in closed session.

A motion was made and unanimously passed to make the following appointments.

Northwestern CSB Local Human Rights Committee

Reappoint:

Ms. Jean Snider

Southwest Regional Human Rights Committee

Appoint:

Mrs. Diane Evans

Tuckahoe Local Human Rights Committee

Appoint:

Ms. Monica Lucas

Tidewater Regional Local Human Rights Committee

Reappoint:

Mr. Christopher R. Boyd

Ms. Mary Butler

Peninsula Regional Local Human Rights Committee

Appoint:

Ms. Linda Rohrbach

Chesapeake Regional Local Human Rights Committee

Reappoint:

Rev. Thomas E. Becker

Southeast Alliance Local Human Rights Committee

Reappoint:

Mr. Richard Flourney

Mr. Timothy W. Dorsey

Eastern State Hospital Local Human Rights Committee

Reappoint:

Ms. Emma Ralls-Rhyne

Ms. Doris Foreman

Dr. Richard J. Adams

Appoint:

Mr. John R. McMahon

Newport News Regional Local Human Rights Committee

Reappoint:

Ms. Joyce O'Brien

Health Planning Region V

Reappoint:

Ms. Thynesis Ricks

Danville/Pittsylvania County Regional Local Human Rights Committee

Reappoint:

Ms. Mary Lou Dunn

Ms. Kelly Matthews

Ms. Jeanne White

Ms. Jennifer Taylor

Southside Community Services Board Local Human Rights Community

Reappoint:

Ms. Diane Snoddy

Ms. Teresa Smith

Mr. Thomas Bullock

Dr. Marsh stated that he would like to communicate to senior leadership of the Department regarding the excessive workloads carried by the Advocates. He would like to make a case for additional staff for the human rights office.

Christina Delzingaro has concerns regarding dental hygiene at Southside Virginia Training Center. There have been excessive tooth extractions for clients for the facility. Clients need to be given adequate dental care on a daily basis and dentures should be provided for those who have had multiple extractions. Margaret Walsh suggested that the Committee draft a letter to Commissioner Reinhard asking for someone to come in and talk to the committee about dental issues.

A motion was made and unanimously passed that the Committee will send a letter to Commissioner Reinhard alerting him to the Committee's concerns regarding dental hygiene and care for the clients of Southside Virginia Training Center. The letter will include a request for the department to provide more adequate dental services to clients in the training center.

Dr. Marsh asked that a letter be sent to Dr. Carlyle Ramsey, President of Danville Community College, thanking him for his hospitality.

Margaret Walsh stated that seclusion and restraint data is available from Marion Greenfield, Office of Quality Management. Ms. Walsh also stated that Carolyn Lankford will come back to the Committee with TOVA statistical data at a later date.

Dr. Marsh reported that he attended Blue Ridge Regional Human Rights Committee and Catawba Hospital Local Human Rights Committee meetings in April 2007.

Margaret Walsh reported that there is an appeal in the pipeline coming to the State Human Rights Committee. It is possible that the Committee could polycom the appeal during the June 1, 2007 meeting in Marion, or the Committee could wait until the

Northern Virginia meeting on July 13, 2007, or the Committee could appoint 5 members go to the Fredericksburg area to hear the appeal on another date.

Nancy C. Neese, Regional Human Rights Advocate, Region III, said that she and staff of Region III are very excited that the Committee is coming as far southwest as Marion, Virginia for the June 1, 2007 meeting. The Committee polled their members to insure there would be a quorum in Marion. Michael Marsh, Angela Brosnan, Christina Delzingaro, Carmen Anne Thompson, Kirby Wright and Davey Zellmer plan attend the meeting. Ms. Neese invited the Committee and staff of the human rights office to her home for a dinner gathering Thursday evening, May 31. Ms. Neese also stated that Southwest Virginia Mental Health Institute will provide a tour of the facility on Friday, June 1.

SHRC Membership

A motion was made and passed to go into closed session pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711 for the purpose of considering State Human Rights Committee membership.

Upon reconvening in open session, the State Human Rights Committee certified that to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the closed session were discussed in closed session.

A motion was made and unanimously passed to request that the State MHMRSAS Board reappoint Delores Archer to the State Human Rights Committee.

Consideration of New SHRC Members and Report of Sub-Committee

Delores Archer introduced Jeannie Roberson, SHRC Applicant, to the Committee. The Committee interviewed Dr. Roberson. Delores Archer then introduced Donald Lyons, SHRC Applicant and Chairman of Southwestern Virginia Training Center. The Committee interviewed Mr. Lyons.

Dr. Marsh thanked both applicants for coming to the meeting.

The Committee also received applications from Louise S. Garman, Randy J. Johnsey, Charles Henry Loundermon, Heleen M. Anderson-Grant, and Denise Ann Turner. The record notes that the SHRC is seeking new members from the Tidewater and Southwest areas of Virginia.

Dr. Michael Marsh, Chairman, said a few words of farewell to Dr. Joyce Bozeman. Dr. Marsh noted that Dr. Bozeman spearheaded the SHRC Workplan. The

record notes that the SHRC Workplan was designed to help the Committee develop their goals and track the status of their goals on a yearly basis.

Kirby Wright reported that there were some news media people present for the meeting.

Having no further business to discuss, the motion was made and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. Michael Marsh". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

R. Michael Marsh, Ph.D.
Chairperson