

**State Human Rights Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

Western State Hospital  
1301 Richmond Road  
Jeffreys Building Library  
Staunton, Virginia, 24401  
Friday, December 1, 2006

**ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING**

**8:00 a.m.**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Michael Marsh, Chairperson  
Angela Brosnan, Vice-Chairperson  
Delores Archer  
Joyce Bozeman  
Christina Delzingaro  
Joseph Lynch  
Carmen Thompson  
Kirby Wright  
Davey Zellmer

**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  
Deborah Jones, Facility Human Rights Advocate, SWVMHI  
BJ McKnight, Facility Human Rights Advocate, SWVTC  
Randy Uργο, Facility Human Rights Advocate, WSH

**OTHER STAFF PRESENT**

Karen Walters, DMHMRSAS Special Counsel

Dr. Michael Marsh, Chairperson, opened the administrative session of the State Human Rights Committee.

The committee received the updated 2007 meeting schedule.

#### Communications Subcommittee

Davey Zellmer will continue to put the newsletter together for another year.

#### Awards Subcommittee

Dr. Marsh appointed Davey and Carmen to an Awards subcommittee. The Awards subcommittee will coordinate with the State MHMRSAS Board office to recognize individuals, LHRCs, and organizations for outstanding work in protecting the rights of consumers.

#### SHRC Goals Subcommittee

Christina Delzingaro reported that she and Angela Brosnan met to review the Draft SHRC Workplan for the period 2006-2007 that was distributed at the SHRC meeting on October 27, 2006. The goals subcommittee suggested action items to be added to the Draft Workplan and submitted items for consideration by the SHRC. The SHRC will focus on consumer quality of life and empowerment. The SHRC Goals subcommittee will meet with Margaret Walsh, Human Rights Director, to determine a course of action for collecting data on indicators of self-empowerment and consumer satisfaction.

The SHRC would like to invite staff of child and adolescent services for an update on youth in transition after the JLARC (Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission) report is filed before the General Assembly.

#### 10:00 a.m. Break

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**10:15 a.m.**

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Anne Stiles, Facility Human Rights Advocate, Piedmont Geriatric Hospital and Virginia  
Center for Behavioral Rehabilitation  
Deborah Jones, Facility Human Rights Advocate, SWVMHI  
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**Welcome / Call to Order**

The December 1, 2006 meeting of the State Human Rights Committee was called to order by Dr. R. Michael Marsh, Chairperson. Dr. Marsh asked committee members and human rights staff to introduce themselves.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the October 27, 2006 State Human Rights Committee meeting were approved unanimously.

**Variances**

**Southwestern Virginia Training Center**

The model accounting variance for Southwestern Virginia Training Center was accepted for the file.

**Poplar Springs Hospital**

James O. Bowser, Jr., Regional Human Rights Advocate, Region IV, presented the annual report from Poplar Springs Hospital on variance to 12 VAC 35-115-110 B, 13, Use of Seclusion, Restraint and Time Out for a structured living protocol. The annual report was accepted for the file.

**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.

On behalf of Dr. Cynthia McClure, Facility Director for Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute (SWVMHI), Nancy C. Neese, Regional Human Rights Advocate for Region III, extended an invitation to the SHRC to hold the June 1, 2007, meeting at SWVMHI in Marion. Ms. Neese also suggested that the SHRC may wish to meet in the far southwest area of Virginia. Dr. Marsh polled the SHRC members and determined the committee would have a quorum of members willing to meet in Marion or the far southwest.

### **Virginia Center for Behavioral Rehabilitation**

Anne Stiles, Facility Human Rights Advocate, Virginia Center for Behavioral Rehabilitation, submitted the Monthly Advocate Report for October, 2006, and presented the updated Mail Procedures policy. The SHRC tabled review of the Mail Procedures policy until the January 26, 2007, meeting in Petersburg.

Margaret Walsh will ask Commissioner Reinhard, DMHMRSAS, and Stephen Wolf, Office of Quality Management, to come to the January meeting.

### **Freedom of Information Act**

Karen Walters, DMHMRSAS Special Counsel, provided training on the Freedom of Information Act.

### **LHRC Membership**

**A motion was made and passed to go into closed session pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711 for the purpose of considering appointments to and removals from Local Human Rights Committees.**

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.

**The motion was made and unanimously passed to appoint the following applicants to the specified local human rights committees.**

Rockbridge Area CSB LHRC

Appoint:

Ms. Lesley Novack

Alexandria LHRC

Appoint:  
Mr. James H. Ewalt  
New River Valley LHRC  
Appoint:  
Dr. Ioannis Stivachtis  
Tuckahoe LHRC  
Appoint:  
Ms. Enka M. Richardson  
Ms. Norma Draper  
Mr. Donnie Hayes  
Mr. Paul A. deVoorsney  
Hiram W. Davis Medical Center  
Appoint:  
Ms. Betty Velez  
Ms. Susie Kemp  
Mid-City LHRC  
Appoint:  
Mr. Crisaldo B. Padilla  
Piedmont Geriatric Hospital  
Appoint:  
Ms. Gina Rochelle

Davey Zellmer reported on the status of the Winter 2006-07 issue of *Human Writes*.

### **State Human Rights Director's Report**

Margaret S. Walsh, State Human Rights Director, informed the SHRC of a LHRC hearing scheduled for December 4.

Davey Zellmer will attend the December 8, 2006, State MHMRSAS Board Meeting in Stafford. Angela Brosnan will attend the January State Board meeting in Richmond.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. R. Michael Marsh, Ph.D.  
Chairperson