

**CENTRAL STATE HOSPITAL
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

**Central State Hospital
26317 W. Washington Street
Building 39, Visitation Room
Petersburg, Virginia 23803
June 5, 2009
8:30 am Regular Meeting**

Attendance:

Jane Clayborne, Chair; William Lightfoot, Member; Linda Masri, Member; Hannibal Tuck, Member; Jillian McNeil, Member; and Randi Key, Member

Guests:

Dr. Charles Davis, CSH Facility Director; Jennifer Barker, CSH Director of Patient Relations; Jim Bell, CSH Forensic Director; Michael Curseen, Human Rights Advocate/OHR; Ansley Perkins, Human Rights Advocate/OHR; Reta Martin CSH Social Worker; Denise Nowlin, CSH Social Worker; Colonel Lowery, Director of Forensic Security; S.S., client; C. S., client; Helen Bennett, authorized representative applicant; Dr. Sriram, CSH Psychiatrist; T. Leach, CSH Security Officer; B. Dean, CSH Security Officer; J. Simmons, CSH Security Officer; T. Fox, CSH Security Officer; and Rose Mitchell, Executive Secretary/OHR.

Absent:

Violet Hite, Vice-Chair; and Isabel Vartanian, Member

I. Call to Order: 8:45 am

II. Minutes of May 1, 2009, Meeting

Action: The minutes of the May 1, 2009, meeting was approved.

III. Public Comment:

Client, S. S. addressed the Committee about the following concerns at CSH: Visitation difficulties; the absence of notification in patient areas regarding how to access documents under the F.O.I.A.; internet access for patients on each ward; patient's attendance at LHRC meetings.

Ms. Clayborne thanked S. S. for coming and advised S. S. that the LHRC will notify him of any action taken by the committee concerning the issues raised.

IV. New Business

- A. Monthly Variance Report for May 2009 – Presented by Jim Bell, Forensic Director

Mr. Bell reported that there were no reportable incidents involving the four approved forensic variances during the month of May 2009.

Action: The Committee approved a motion to accept Mr. Bell's reports.

(Executive Session)

The committee approved a Motion to move into Executive session pursuant to VA Code 2.2-3711 (A), Paragraph 15, for the protection of the privacy of individuals and their records in personal matters not related to public business.

The following subject matters were discussed in Executive Session:

Monthly Abuse Summaries – April 2009
Formal Human Rights Complaints – May 2009
Request for “Next Friend” Authorized Representative
Aggression Management Plan: S.D.
Spit Guard Usage – May 2009
Termination of LHRC Member
Follow Up: Inappropriate Spit Mask Usage: F.B.

(Return to Open Session)

Upon reconvening in open session, the Central State Hospital Local 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

- B. Monthly Abuse Summary: April 2009 – Presented by Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations

Action: The Committee approved a motion to accept Mrs. Barker's report.

- C. Formal Human Rights Complaints – May 2009 – Presented by Jennifer Barker

Action: The LHRC approved a motion to accept Mrs. Barker's report.

- D. LHRC Request for Ms. Helen Bennett to be Designated as “Next Friend” Authorized Representation: RE: C.S.; - Presented by Charles Davis, M.D., Hospital Director

Mr. Curseen explained to the Committee the purpose of an authorized

representative and that if there are no family members, a “Next Friend” may be appointed, pending approval by the LHRC. After meeting with Ms. Bennett and C. S., the committee was satisfied that the requirements for designating a “Next Friend” for this patient has been met.

Action: The Committee approved a motion for Ms. Bennett to be appointed by CSH as the “Next Friend” authorized representative for C.S.

E. Aggression Management Plan Review: D. S. Forensic Unit – Presented by Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations

Ms. Barker explained to the Committee that the AMP, under the listing of behaviors for the A – Anxiety Stage, will delete the behavior identified as constant calls to the patient advocate and that the Signature Page will include the date with each signature.

Action: The Committee approved a motion to accept the Aggression Management Plan for D.S. with the above modifications and will review plan to review the changes at the August 7, 2009 LHRC meeting.

F. LHRC Review of Research Proposal RE: “A Survey of Inpatient /Forensic Evaluators Regarding Techniques Used with Non-Cooperative Defendants” – Presented by T. G. Sriram, Psychiatrist

This will be an on-line survey sent to clinicians and doctors to assess techniques used for assessing non-cooperative defendants. This survey normally requires 20 to 30 minutes to complete. This survey doesn’t require or involve any patient contact.

Action: The Committee approved a motion to accept Dr. Sriram’s research proposal.

G. Seclusion and Restraint Data Summary: Comparison of S/R Incidents and Totals for May 2009 and May 2008 – Presented by Charles Davis, M.D., Hospital Director

Dr. Davis stated that CSH reported no bed restraints for this reporting period, However, seclusion numbers have decreased, while the number of 2-point ambulatory restraints has increased. Dr. Davis also explained that these restraint numbers will likely remain unchanged as long as the hospital continues to receive new admissions.

Action: The Committee approved a motion to accept Dr. Davis’ report.

H. Spit Mask Usage – May 2009: Reported by Mr. Curseen

Mr. Curseen reported that there was one spit mask usage which appeared

to have been used appropriately.

Action: The Committee approved a motion to accept Mr. Curseen's report.

I. LHRC Recommendation for Termination of Membership: Ms. Randi Key – Presented by Michael Curseen

Ms. Key indicated her intentions to adjust her schedule to allow for regular attendance at LHRC Meetings.

Action: No action was taken by the Committee.

J. Election of Officers: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary

The following officers were unanimously elected:

Jane Clayborne: Chair

Violet Hite: Vice-Chair

Jillian McNeil: Secretary

V. Follow-up Business:

1. LHRC Follow-up RE: Inappropriate Spit Mask Usage Concerning F.B. – Presented by Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations

Ms. Barker explained that Ms. Morman, R.N. of the Patient Relations team is in the process of retraining staff on the appropriate use of the spit mask and Ms. Eva Parham, Director of Nursing is also involved.

Action: The Committee accepted Mrs. Barker' report.

2. LHRC follow-up RE: Nursing Protocol for Electronically Disconnecting Patient's Telephone Calls: Charles Davis, M.D., Hospital Director

Dr. Davis presented to the Committee the amended "Protocol for Disconnecting Phone Calls when 911 Phone Calls are Made."

After some discussion, the Committee requested the following changes be made to the protocol:

Item 3 – Add, ". . . the charge nurse **and the AOD are to be informed.**

Item 6 – Add, ". . . in the patient's **record . . .**"

Item 8 – Include statement that notification to the AOD and the Office of Human Rights will be made by the Charge Nurse. Ms. Barker also indicated that all staff will receive training on this protocol by Ms. Eva Parham, Director of Nursing.

Action: The Committee accepted Dr. Davis' report, and plans to review the changes made to the protocol at the August 7, 2009 LHRC meeting.

VI. Director's Comments:

Dr. Davis reported the following:

1. Dental services – A dentist at HDMC has resigned and a task force has been put into place to examine the dental practices at HDMC. Currently, CSH is referring patients to dentists not affiliated with the DBHDS.
2. V.O.P.A. – Approximately two years ago, VOPA initiated a suit against CSH, Dr. Davis and the department to force the hospital to open peer review meetings. Dr. Davis shared that he supports a “blame free environment” and suggested that a peer review of physicians by physicians be considered privileged. According to Dr. Davis, VOPA won the initial suit but CSH was able to have the suit overturned on appeal. Dr. Davis shared that V.O.P.A. can appeal the ruling to the Supreme Court.

Adjournment: 11:26 A.M.

Next Meeting Date: August 7, 2009