

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

**Central State Hospital
26317 W. Washington Street
Petersburg, Virginia 23803
Building 96
March 4, 2011
8:30 am Regular Meeting**

Attendance:

Violet Hite, Vice-Chair; Hannibal Tuck, Member; Linda Masri, Member; William Lightfoot, Member

Guests:

Vicki Montgomery, Hospital Director; Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations & Staff Development; Reta Martin, CSW, Patient Relations & Staff Development; Teresa Langster, Patient Relations & Staff Development; James Bell, Forensic Director; Ronald Forbes, M. D., Medical Director; Michael Curseen, Region IV Human Rights Manager/OHR; Walter Small, Human Rights Advocate Senior

Absent: Jane Clayborne, Chair; Jillian Taylor, Secretary;

I. Call to Order - Introductions: 8:40 am

II. Minutes of February 4, 2011 Meeting

Action: The draft minutes for the January 7, 2011 meeting were approved with a correction on page 5. Thomas Ebeling, M. D. was incorrectly identified as the CSH Medical Director. The minutes were corrected to identify him as the Attending Psychiatrist.

III. Public Comment:

Mr. Curseen advised the Committee that the Virginia Office for Protection and Advocacy (VOPA) has requested a fact-finding hearing at the April 1, 2011 LHRC meeting on behalf of several CSH forensic patients.

IV. New Business

A. Monthly Variance Reports for February 2011 – Presented by Jim Bell, Forensic Director

Action: The Committee approved a motion to accept Mr. Bell's report concerning the four forensic variances.

(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 – January 2011
Formal Human Rights Complaints – February 2011
Spit Guard Usage – February 2011
LHRC Membership Applicant
LHRC Follow-up RE: Abuse Case # 0167
LHRC Follow-up RE: ECT Update – K. Z.

(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: January 2011 – Presented by Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations and staff Development

Ms. Barker presented the abuse data covering January 2011

Action: The Committee accepted the abuse data reports presented by Ms. Barker for January 2011.

- C.** Formal Human Rights Complaints – February 2011 ~ Presented by Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations and Staff Development

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

- D.** Seclusions & Restraint Data Summary; Comparisons of S/R Incidents and Totals for January 2011 & January 2010 ~ Presented by Vicki Montgomery, Hospital Director

Ms. Montgomery presented the seclusion & restraint comparisons for February 2011 and February 2010. The data indicated that 1 patient accounted for 43.6% of the restraint usage for February 2011.

Action: The Committee approved a motion to accept Ms. Montgomery's report.

- E. Spit Guard Usage- Presented by Michael Curseen, Region IV Human Rights Manager / OHR

Mr. Curseen reported that there were no reported uses of the spit mask for February 2011.

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

- F. LHRC Membership Applicant – Ms. Blondena Mallory

Action: The Committee approved a motion to recommend Ms. Mallory for appointment to the CSH LHRC and will forward this recommendation to the State Human Rights Committee.

V. **Follow-up Business:**

1. LHRC Follow-up RE: Hospital's Compliance With Reporting Requirement for Use of Physical Restraints / Review of LHRC Letter to Ms. Marion Greenfield, Director, Clinical Quality & Risk Management (DBHDS) ~ Presented by Violet Hite, Vice Chair

Mr. Curseen reported that as of this meeting date, CSH has not received any reply from Ms. Greenfield concerning the LHRC request to provide clarification and guidance to CSH to facilitate the implementation of a policy addressing the recording and documentation of non-medical restraints in a manner consistent with the DBHDS expectation and the Rules and Regulations.

Action: The Committee approved a motion to address a follow-up letter to Ms. Greenfield with copies to John Pezzoli Assistant Commissioner and Margaret Walsh, State Human Rights Director requesting a reply.

2. LHRC Follow-up RE: Abuse Case # 0167 – Request for CSH to Develop a Protocol for Removing Contraband from Unwilling Patients ~ Presented by Vicki Montgomery, Hospital Director

Ms. Montgomery shared that a work group has been formed and that the hospital has solicited policy related information from other facilities. Ms. Montgomery prefers that the procedures adopted to be consistent with the training provided in TOVA. The policy will be limited to dangerous items of contraband and should focus on patient/staff safety and be implemented in a therapeutic manner.

Action: The Committee approved a motion to accept Ms. Montgomery's report and will plan to revisit this issue at the July 2011 LHRC meeting.

3. LHRC Follow-up RE: E.C.T. Update Report Concerning K. Z. ~
Presented by Ronald Forbes, M. D., Medical Director

Dr. Forbes reported that contact with the authorized representative has been reestablished and that maintenance ECT treatments have begun. Dr. Forbes reported that K.Z. seems to be responding well following the 14th treatment.

Action: The Committee approved a motion to accept Dr. Forbes' report.

VI. Director's Comments:

Ms. Montgomery advised the LHRC of her intention to have security cameras installed in the dayrooms and public areas including hallways and between wards in the civil units of the hospital. The tentative date for installation is July 2011. Ms. Montgomery will present a written protocol for camera usage prior to having them installed.

VIII. Adjournment: 10:15 A. M.

Next Meeting Date: April 1, 2011. The meeting will be held in the Main Conference Rm. - Building 113 at 8:30 A.M.