

CENTRAL STATE HOSPITAL
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Central State Hospital

26317 W. Washington Street

Petersburg, Virginia 23803

Building 113, Main Conference Room

October 7, 2011

8:30am Regular Meeting

Attendance: Hannibal Tuck, Chair; Jane Clayborne, Vice-Chair; Jillian Taylor, Secretary; Isabel Vartanian, Member; William Lightfoot, Member; Blondena Mallory, Member;

Guests: Vicki Montgomery, CEO/Director Central State Hospital; Ronald Forbes, M.D., Medical Director; Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations and Staff Development; Reta Martin, Patient Relations and Staff Development; James Bell, Forensic Director; Michael Curseen, Region IV Human Rights Manager/OHR; Walter Small, Human Rights Advocate Senior OHR; Teresa Langster, Patient Relations; T.G. Sriram, M.D.;

Absent:

I. Call to Order – Introductions

II. Minutes of September 2, 2011 Meeting

Action: The Committee approved the draft minutes for September 2, 2011.

III. Public Comment : None

IV. New Business

A. Monthly Variance Reports for September 2011 – Presented by James Bell, Director, Forensic Services.

Action: The Committee approved a motion to accept the monthly variance reported by Mr. Bell for September 2011 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 business.

The following subject matters were discussed in Executive Session:

Monthly Abuse Summaries – August 2011

Formal Human Rights Complaints – September 2011

Spit Guard Usage – September 2011

(Return to Open Session)

Upon reconvening on 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: August 2011** – Presented by Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations and Staff Development

Ms. Barker presented the abuse data covering August 2011.

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

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

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

- D. Seclusion and Restraint Data Summary; Comparisons of S/R Incidents and Totals for September 2011 vs. September 2010** ~ Presented by Vicki Montgomery, Director Central State Hospital

Ms. Montgomery presented the seclusion and restraint total comparisons for September 2011 vs. September 2010. For September 2011, 220 individuals had no seclusion and restraint. For the month of September, 65% of all the seclusion and restraint episodes involved 6 patients. These individuals are generally acutely ill and have not been stabilized and there is a second cohort that generally are more behavior disordered individuals who use aggression instrumentally. Central State Hospital is continuing to try to impact these outlier cases.

Action: The committee approved a motion to accept Ms. Montgomery's report for September 2011.

- E. Spit Guard Usage** – Presented by Walter Small, Human Rights Advocate Senior OHR

Mr. Small reported there were three reported usages of the spit guard masks for September 2011. The usage was consistent with hospital policy and procedure governing the usage of the spit mask.

Did not get spit mask reporting forms for R.S. aware of this because of the AOD report. Checked with infection control nurse Meichell Pride she was aware and she was waiting for the forms and would forward them as soon as she received them and had not seen anything in office of human rights as of yet.

This request was made the same day the AOD report came out. Ms Barker asked that she be carbon copied on these requests so that she could follow up as well.

Action: The committee approved a motion to accept Mr. Small's report for September 2011.

- F. Research Proposal – Correlations Between Selected Variables on the Rorshach Performance Assessment System and History of Violence ~ Presented by Thiruneermalai G. Sriram, M.D., Chairperson, Research Committee

Action: The committee approved a motion to accept the Research Proposal presented by T.G. Sriram, M.D.

VII. Directors Comments

Many have heard in the news the Governor is anticipating/planning for the possibility that state revenues may be down. He has asked agencies to put forth plans for 2%, 4% and 6% budget decreases and the department is putting together an agency wide plan that they are going to submit.

They have determined they have to look at this more systemically and are putting together the department proposals. When the plan is put forward they are looking at all the agencies proposals and will look at what the real situation is and eventually it works out and we will find out what our part of the budget cut will be.

All of the facilities have had so many budget cuts that everyone is holding their breath, you struggle over time and you make your make your cuts but you start losing key options of your operation, so we all anxiously await what is going to happen with the budget cuts.

VIII. Adjournment

Next Meeting: November 4, 2011 – Building 113 – Main Conference Room