

CENTRAL STATE HOSPITAL
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

Central State Hospital
26317 W. Washington Street
Petersburg, Virginia 23803
Building 113, Main Conference Room
January 6, 2012
8:30am Regular Meeting

Attendance: Hannibal Tuck, Chair; Jane Clayborne, Vice-Chair; Isabel Vartanian, Member; William Lightfoot, Member; Barbara Davis, 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..

Absent: Jillian Taylor, Secretary; Blondena Mallory, Member

I. Call to Order – Introductions

II. Minutes of December 2, 2011 Meeting

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

III. Public Comment:

IV. New Business

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

Action: The Committee approved a motion to accept the monthly variance reported by Mr. Bell for December 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 – November 2011

Formal Human Rights Complaints – December 2011

Spit Guard Usage – December 2011

(Return to Open Session)

Upon reconvening into 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: November 2011 – Presented by Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations and Staff Development

Ms. Barker presented the abuse data covering November 2011.

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

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

There were no complaints for the month of December

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 December 2011 vs. December 2010 ~ Presented by Vicki Montgomery, Director Central State Hospital

Ms. Montgomery explained the hospital has been struggling with challenging behaviors from three individuals that have not been responsive to special individualized behavior plans or treatment modifications. These outliers drive the seclusion and restraint numbers. The hospital continues to monitor and it continues to be our goal to reduce seclusion and restraint.

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

- E. Spit Guard Usage for December 2011 – Presented by Walter Small, Human Rights Advocate Senior OHR.

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

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

VII. LHRC Follow up - Mr. Small handed out the State Human Rights Committee fourth quarter newsletter. The newsletter can be found on the department's website.

VIII. Director's Comments

The hospital is looking forward to 2012 and the changes that will be brought about—some that are planned and others that have yet to unfold. As the General Assembly begins next week there are many bills that will involve Central State Hospital directly and indirectly. The Governor put forward his budget to the General Assembly and the budget did not call for any budget cuts within the Department. Central State Hospital is very encouraged by this.

VIII. Adjournment

Next Meeting: February 3, 2012 – Building 39