

CENTRAL STATE HOSPITAL
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

Central State Hospital
26317 W. Washington Street
Petersburg, Virginia 23803
Building 113, Main Conference Room
May 4, 2012
8:30am Regular Meeting

Attendance: Hannibal Tuck, Chair; Jane Clayborne, Vice-Chair; Barbara Davis, Member; Jillian Taylor, Secretary; Isabel Vartanian, Member

Guests: Vicki Montgomery, CEO/Director Central State Hospital; Ronald Forbes, M.D., Medical Director; Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations and Staff Development; Walter Small, Human Rights Advocate Senior OHR; Teresa Langster, Patient Relations.

Absent: William Lightfoot, Member; Blondena Mallory, Member ; Liesl Lipford, Member

I. Call to Order – Introductions

II. Minutes of April 6, 2012 Meeting

Action: The Committee approved the draft minutes for the April 6, 2012 meeting.

III. Public Comment:

IV. New Business

A. Monthly Variance Reports for April 2012 – Presented by Jennifer Barker for James Bell, Director, Forensic Services.

Action: The Committee approved the monthly variance reported by Ms. Barker for April 2012 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 – March 2012

Formal Human Rights Complaints – April 2012

Spit Guard Usage – April 2012

(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: March 2012 – Presented by Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations and Staff Development

Ms. Barker presented the abuse data covering March 2012.

Action: The Committee approved the abuse data reports presented by Ms. Barker for March 2012.

- C. Formal Human Rights Complaints – April 2012 – Presented by Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations and Staff Development

There were no Formal Complaints for the month of April. The committee requested to have copies of the responses in the monthly packets.

Action: The Committee approved Ms. Barker's report.

- D. Seclusion and Restraint Data Summary; Comparisons of S/R Incidents and Totals for April 2012 vs. April 2011 ~ Presented by Vicki Montgomery, Director Central State Hospital

Ms. Montgomery explained that the hospital has been working for the past few months on insuring we only use seclusion and restraint at the same time when absolutely necessary. The hospital has made some clear gains with using S/R less frequently. Our staff has been doing a specific follow up to make sure there is a clear justification when both are used. The hospital continues to monitor and it continues to be our goal to reduce seclusion and restraint.

Action: The committee approved Ms. Montgomery's report for April 2012.

- E. Spit Guard Usage for April 2012 – Presented by Walter Small, Human Rights Advocate Senior OHR.

Mr. Small reported there were no reported usages of the spit guard masks for April 2012.

Action: The committee approved Mr. Small's report for April 2012.

- F. Informal Complaints: November 2011 through April 2012 ~ Presented by Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations and Staff Development.

The Committee asked if it was a mandate by Central office that the LHRC needs to see all of this every 6 months. The Committee would like to know if they could just get a summary every 6 months. Mr. Small is to find out.

Action: The committee approved Ms. Barker's report.

- G. Spit Guard Demonstration ~ Presented by Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations and Staff Development

Ms. Barker demonstrated how a spit mask is applied with Jillan Taylor's help.

Action: The committee approved Ms. Barker's report.

- VII. LHRC Follow up:** The new format for the LHRC reporting schedule was voted on and accepted.

VIII. Director's Comments

Ms. Montgomery reported that there had been some problems over the years with getting extensive dental services for our patients. Central State Hospital contracted with community dentists to ensure this additional coverage was provided. Hiram Davis Medical Center just recently employed two new dentists and have had very positive feedback from patients and families. These dentists want to come to the buildings and do initial screening for the patients. This is a positive thing for our hospital and we are very excited.

VIII. Adjournment

Next Meeting: June 6, 2012 – Building 113