

CENTRAL STATE HOSPITAL  
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Central State Hospital  
26317 W. Washington Street  
Petersburg, Virginia 23803  
Building 113 – Main Conference Room  
August 2, 2013  
8:30am

**Attendance:** Hannibal Tuck, Chair; Isabel Vartanian, Member; Liesl Lipford, Member; William Lightfoot Vice-Chair; Barbara Davis, Member

**Guests:** Vicki Montgomery, CEO/Director Central State Hospital; Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations and Staff Development; Teresa Langster, Patient Relations; Juliann Wareham, Patient Relations and Staff Development; Walter Small, Human Rights Advocate

**Absent:** Blondena Mallory, Member

**Call to Order – Introductions**

**I. Minutes of June 2013 Meeting**

**Action:** The committee approved the meeting minutes from the June 2013 meeting.

**II. Public Comment:**

**III. New Business**

**A. Monthly Variance Report for June and July**– Presented by Jennifer Barker for James Bell, Director, Forensic Services.

**Action:** The Committee approved a motion to accept the monthly variance reported by Ms. Barker for June and July 2013 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 – May and June 2013**

**Formal Human Rights Complaints – June and July 2013**

**Spit Guard Usage – June and July 2013**

**(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: May and June 2013** – Presented by Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations and Staff Development

**Action:** The Committee approved the abuse data report presented by Ms. Barker for May and June 2013.

**Formal Human Rights Complaints – June and July 2013** – Presented by Juliann Wareham, Clinical Specialist, Patient Relations and Staff Development

**Action:** The Committee approved the report presented by Ms. Wareham for June and July 2013.

**C. Seclusion and Restraint Data Summary; Comparisons of S/R Incidents and Totals for June 2013 vs. June 2012** ~ Presented by Vicki Montgomery, Director Central State Hospital

**Action:** The Committee accepted the Seclusion and Restraint data report presented by Ms. Montgomery for June 2013.

**D. Spit Guard Usage for June and July 2013**– Presented by Walter Small, Human Rights Advocate.

**Action:** There was no reported use of Spit Guard for the month of June 2013.

**IV. Old Business: None**

**V. LHRC Follow up: None**

**VI. Director's Comments:** Ms. Montgomery followed up with the Committee regarding the pending Human Rights Regulations revisions. Ms. Montgomery shared that ongoing discussion is very specific and narrow, determining what a complaint is and what qualifies for the complaint process. She further stated that people complain and have a right to complain, but some complaints are just that, where others have validity requiring an action be taken. Ms. Montgomery also shared that consideration is being given to drastically decreasing LHRC's across the State. There is talk of one

LHRC per region and at the moment the region we are in has 17 LHRC's. If this happens the function of the LHRC could be very little more than hearing fact findings.

**VII. Adjournment**

**Next Meeting:** September 6, 2013 –Building 96 – Visitation Room.