

CENTRAL STATE HOSPITAL
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

Central State Hospital
26317 W. Washington Street
Petersburg, Virginia 23803
Building 113 – Main Conference Room
June 6, 2014
8:30am

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

Guests: Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations and Staff Development; Walter Small, Human Rights Advocate; Terri Langster, Patient Relations and Staff Development; Ronald Forbes, Hospital Medical Director; Vicki Montgomery, Hospital Director; Patsy Hawkins, Patient Relations and Staff Development; James Bell, Director of Forensics

Absent: Isabel Vartainien, Member; Marco Thomas, Member

I. Call to Order – Introductions

II. Minutes of May 2014 Meeting

Action: The committee approved the meeting minutes from the May 2, 2014 meeting.

III. Public Comment:

IV. New Business

A. Monthly Variance Report for May 2014– Presented by James Bell, Director, Forensic Services.

Action: The Committee approved a motion to accept the monthly variance reported by Mr. Bell for May 2014 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 – April 2014

Formal Human Rights Complaints – May 2014

Spit Guard Usage – May 2014

(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: April 2014 – 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 2014.

- C. Formal Human Rights Complaints –May 2014 – Presented by Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations and Staff Development

Action: The Committee approved the report presented by Ms. Barker for May 2014.

- D. Seclusion and Restraint Data Summary; Comparisons of S/R Incidents and Totals for April 2014 ~ Presented by Vicki Montgomery, Director Central State Hospital

Action: The Committee accepted the Seclusion and Restraint data report presented by Ms. Montgomery for April 2014.

- E. Spit Guard Usage for May 2014– Presented by Walter Small, Human Rights Advocate.

Action: There was one usage of spit guard in May. The spit guard was executed in accordance with hospital policy.

V. **Old Business:**

VI. **LHRC Follow up: None**

- VII. **Director's Comments:** Ms. Montgomery stated that Dr. Debra Ferguson is the new Commissioner for the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services. Ms. Ferguson has visited CSH and met with the leadership team. CSH was the fourth facility that Ms. Ferguson has visited since she became Commissioner. Ms. Ferguson plans to create a new office for Recovery of Support Services. Ms. Montgomery then stated that Mr. John Pezzoli, who is the Chief Deputy Commissioner, is retiring September 1, 2014. She also stated that Ms. Margaret Walsh who is the State Director of the Office of Human Rights is retiring.

VIII. **Adjournment**

Next Meeting: July 2, 2014 – Building 113 – Main Conference Room.