

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 7, 2015  
7:00pm

**Attendance:** Liesl Lipford, Chair; Barbara Davis, Member; and Marco Thomas, Member

**Guests:** Dr. Rebecca Vauter, Hospital Director; Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations and Staff Development; Terri Langster, Patient Relations and Staff Development; Ronald Forbes, Hospital Medical Director; Taneika Goldman, Human Rights Advocate; Juliann Wareham, Patient Relations and Staff Development

**Absent:** Isabel Vartainien, Member; Hannibal Tuck Vice-Chair

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Minutes of December 3, 2014 Meeting**

**Action:** The committee approved the minutes December 3, 2014 meeting.

**III. Introduction of Hospital Director**

Dr. Rebecca Vauter introduced herself to the members of the Local Human Rights Committee. She spoke of her background and career. She emphasized projects that she is working on at the Hospital, with a large focus being on the establishment of trauma-informed care initiatives. Dr. Vauter shared how the implementation of trauma-informed care worked well at Eastern State Hospital and she is excited to for the initiative to begin here at Central State Hospital.

**IV. Public Comment**

**V. Old Business**

**VI. New Business**

**A. Monthly Variance Report for December 2014**– Presented by Jennifer Barker on behalf of James Bell, Director, Forensic Services.

**Action:** The Committee accepted and approved the monthly variance report reported by Ms. Barker on behalf of Mr. Bell for December 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 –November 2014**

**Formal Human Rights Complaints –December 2014**

**Spit Guard Usage –December 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: November 2014 – Presented by Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations and Staff Development

**Action:** The committee approved the Monthly Abuse Summary for November 2014 presented by Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations and Staff Development.

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

**Action:** The committee approved the Formal Human Rights Complaints for December 2014 presented by Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations and Staff Development.

- D. Seclusion and Restraint Data Summary; Comparisons of S/R Incidents and Totals for November 2014 ~ Presented by Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations and Staff Development

**Action:** The committee approved the Seclusion and Restraint Data Summary for the month of November 2014 presented by Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations and Staff Development.

- E. Spit Guard Usage for December 2014– Presented by Taneika Goldman, Human Rights Advocate.

Ms. Goldman reported that there were 2 uses of spit guard for the month of December 2014. Both uses of the spit guard mask were executed in accordance with policy and no injuries occurred.

**Action:** The committee approved the Spit Guard Usage Report for December 2014 presented by Taneika Goldman, Human Rights Advocate.

**VII. LHRC Follow up:**

- The LHRC would like to check on the progress of updating the ward rules in March 2015.
- The LHRC would like to be able possibly hold monthly meetings in patient buildings, so that patients can attend the open session. This is being looked into.

**VIII. Director's Comments:**

Please see **Introduction of Hospital Director** for comments from the new director.

**IX. Adjournment**

**Next Meeting:** February 4, 2015 – Building 113 – Main Conference Room.