

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 9, 2016

**Special Session**

7:00 pm

**Attendance:** Chair: Liesl Lipford;  
Members: Mark Howard, Marco Thomas, Lauren Auster-Gussman, Hannibal Tuck, Jennifer Sistrunk

**Absent:** Member: Sarah Stanford

**Guests:** Dr. Brandi Justice, Hospital Clinical Director Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations and Recovery;  
Simona Haqq, Human Rights Advocate;

**Call to Order**

**I. Public Comment**

**II. Old Business**

**III. New Business**

- A. LHRC new member tour of Forensic Unit and Civil Treatment Mall
- B. Training on Hospital's Forensic Variances
- C. Review Hospitals Civil Ward Rules – Presented by Dr. Brandi Justice, Clinical Director

Dr. Justice presented the civil ward guidelines (buildings 94, 95, 95). Dr. Justice explained the guidelines are less restrictive and specific. This practice is consistent with recovery and trauma-informed systems of care. It provides staff more flexibility with supporting patients in their individual recovery. Ward Guidelines are not rules, thus they should be flexible enough for staff and patients alike to work within their framework. The flexibility also allows the opportunity for patients to learn from and take responsibility for their choices, verses having those choices made for them.

**Action:** The Committee unanimously approved the Hospitals Civil Ward Guidelines as presented.

**D. Adjournment**