

**CENTRAL STATE HOSPITAL
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

**Central State Hospital
26317 W. Washington Street
Building 113, Main Conference Room
Petersburg, Virginia 23803
June 6, 2008
8:30 am Regular Meeting**

Attendance:

Violet Hite, Chair; Jane Clayborne, Vice-Chair; Member; Chana Ramsey, Member; and Randi Key, Member.

Guests:

Dr. Charles Davis, CSH Hospital Director; Ronald Forbes, M. D., Medical Director; Jennifer Barker, CSH Director of Patient Relations; Jim Bell, CSH Forensic Director; Michael Curseen, Human Rights Advocate/OHR; Carrie Flowers, Human Rights Advocate/ OHR; Ansley Perkins, Human Rights Advocate/OHR

Absent:

Linda Masri, Member; Isabel Vartanian, Member; Rose Mitchell, Executive Secretary

I. Call to Order: 8:37 am

II. Minutes of April 4, 2008 Meeting

Action: The minutes of the April 4, 2008 were approved.

III. Public Comment: None

IV. New Business

A. Monthly Variance Report for April 08 and May 08 – Presented by Jim Bell, Forensic Director

Mr. Bell reported that there were no reportable incidents involving the four approved forensic variances during the months of April 08 and May 2008.

Action: The Committee approved a motion to accept Mr. Bell's report.

(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 public business.

The following subject matters were discussed in Executive Session:

Monthly Abuse Summaries – March and April 2008

Formal Human Rights Complaints – April and May 2008

Informal Human Rights Complaints – Nov. 07 through April 08

Aggression Management Plans

Spit Guard Usage – April and May 08

(Return to Open Session)

Upon reconvening in 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 and April 2008 – Presented by Jennifer Barker

Action: The LHRC approved a motion to accept Mrs. Barker's report.

C. Formal Human Rights Complaints – April and May 2008 – Presented by Jennifer Barker

Action: The Committee approved a motion to accept Mrs. Barker's report.

D. Bi-annual Report of Informal Human Rights Complaints – Nov. 07 through April 08

Action: The Committee approved a motion to accept Mrs. Barker's report.

E. Update Review of Aggression Management Plans - Presented by Jennifer Barker

The committee reviewed the data and requested and received clarification concerning the time periods in which seclusion and restraints were applied for a specific patient.

Action: The Committee approved a motion to accept Mrs. Barker's report.

F. Spit Mask Usage – March 2008 – Presented by Michael Curseen

Mr. Curseen reported that there were five reported usages of the spit mask during the month of April 2008 and three reported usages of the spit mask for May 2008. Mr. Curseen questioned the reported use of the spit mask in conjunction with a helmet restraint since this is against hospital policy. Mr.

Curseen also inquired about the application of a camisole restraint in conjunction with the spit mask since the camisole restraint is not specifically listed in the Spit Mask Usage policy. Dr. Davis addressed these concerns with the committee.

Action: The LHRC approved a motion to accept Mr. Curseen's report. The Committee also requested a demonstration of the spit mask, camisole and ambulatory restraints at the August 1, 2008 LHRC meeting.

G. LHRC Applicant for Membership: Mr. William H. Lightfoot

The committee interviewed Mr. Lightfoot and submitted its recommendation to Mr. Curseen for submission to the State Human Rights Committee.

V. Follow-up Business: None

VI. Director's Comments:

Dr Davis addressed a request forwarded to his office via Mr. Curseen from Ms. Alison Hymes of the Consumer Advocate Council that Central State Hospital begins to provide summary information on the number of seclusion and restraint incidents per month along with a comparison of the totals for the corresponding months of the previous year. Dr. Davis agreed to provide this data beginning with the August 1, 2008 LHRC meeting

Adjournment: 10:45 A.M.

Next Meeting Date: September 5, 2008