

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

**Central State Hospital
26317 W. Washington Street
Building 113, Main Conference Room
Petersburg, Virginia 23803
October 6, 2006
8:30 a.m.**

Attendance:

Violet Hite, Vice- Chair; Isabel Vartanian, Member; Cleveland Rodgers, Member; and Linda Masri, Member

Guests:

Jennifer Barker, Patient Rights Coordinator/CSH; Michael Curseen, Human Rights Advocate/Office of Human Rights; Jim Bell, Forensic Unit Director/CSH; Dr. Ronald Forbes, CSH Medical Director; and Rose Mitchell, Executive Secretary/Office of Human Rights.

Absent:

Chana Ramsey, Chair; Betty Velez, LHRC Member; Jane Clayborne, LHRC Member; and Dr. Charles Davis, CSH Facility Medical Director

I. Call to Order: 8:48 am

II. Minutes of September 1, 2006, Meeting

The minutes were approved without comment

III. Public Comment

None

IV. New Business

- A. Monthly Variance Report for August 2006 – Presented by Jim Bell

Mr. Bell reported that there were no reportable incidents involving the four approved forensic variances during the month of September 2006.

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 Summary: August 2006
Formal Human Rights Complaints – September 2006
Spit Guard Usage - September 2006

(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: August 2006 – Presented by Jennifer Barker
A motion was made and unanimously passed to accept Ms. Barker's report.
- C. Formal Human Rights Complaints – September 2006 – Presented by Jennifer Barker
A motion was made and unanimously passed to accept Ms. Barker's reports.
- D. Spit Mask Usage – September 2006 – Presented by Michael Curseen
A motion was made and unanimously passed to accept Mr. Curseen's reports.
- E. Follow-up Business
 - 1. Review of Chair's Request for follow-up Concerning Letter to SHRD Requesting Attorney General's Opinion: RE: Case # 05-0107

Mr. Curseen stated that as of this date, Chana Ramsey, Chair, has not received a response from the Attorney General's office. Mr. Curseen advised the Committee that he has requested assistance from Margaret Walsh, State Human Rights Director regarding an answer to the questions raised by the LHRC on April 14, 2006 in a letter to the Attorney General's Office.

The Committee deferred taking any action concerning this issue to the November 3, 2006 meeting.

VII. Follow up Business (September LHRC Motions)

1. Minutes of August 4, 2006 Meeting:

Action: The minutes were approved without comment.

2. Facility's Monthly Written Report Concerning Implementation of Approved Variance for August 2006 – Submitted by Jim Bell, Forensic Unit Director

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

3. CSH Request for Re-Approval of (4) Forensic Variances – Presented by James Bell, Forensic Unit Director

Mr. Bell requested approval from the LHRC for re-approval of the 4 CSH Forensic Variances. Mr. Curseen told the Committee that the SHRC requires approval of all variances on a two year interval.

Action: The Committee approved a motion to recommend approval of the four forensic variance requests.

4. LHRC Review: Research Proposal – Utility of the Shedler-Western Assessment Procedure – II (SWAP-II) and Forensic Risk Assessment Scale (FRAS) for Predicting Aggression in Forensic Psychiatric Patients

According to information provided to the LHRC from T Sriram, M. D., Chair of the CSH Research Review Committee, the research proposed is not human research by definition. Data extracted from an Analysis of Aggressive Behavior instrument, which is administered to all forensic psychiatric inpatients following admission, is used by the clinician to answer questions on the SWAP-II and the FRAS to more accurately predict aggression in the specified population.

Action: The Committee accepted the Research Proposal.

5. LHRC Request for Follow-up Action Concerning Satisfaction Survey RE: Inadequate Housekeeping Services Provided in the Forensic Unit: - Presented by Jennifer Barker, Patient Rights Coordinator.

Ms. Barker told the Committee that she had made all the recommended

changes the Committee requested on the form and has presented the form to SVTC which is the facility in charge of housekeeping services. SVTC has requested that patient names be included on the forms, but this information will only be provided if the client is in agreement. Ms. Barker will provide assistance to all non-English speaking clients and low-functioning clients in filling out the survey.

Action: A motion was made and unanimously passed to accept Ms. Barker's report. The Committee also requested an update after the survey has been implemented.

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The following subject matters were discussed in Executive Session:

**Monthly Abuse Summary – July 2006
Formal Human Rights Complaints – August 2006
E.C.T.**

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6. Monthly Abuse Summary: July 2006 – Presented by Ms. Jennifer Barker, Patient Rights Coordinator

Action: A motion was made and unanimously passed to accept Ms. Barker's report.

7. Monthly Summary of Formal Human Rights Complaints: August 2006 - Presented by Ms. Jennifer Barker, Patient Rights Coordinator

Action: A motion was made and unanimously passed to accept Ms. Barker's report.

8. E.C.T. Review – R.H., Building 39-6 – Tara Patterson, M.D.

Action: A motion was made and unanimously passed to accept the E.C.T. Review. The Committee also requested a progress update on the patient's condition at the November 3, 2006 LHRC meeting.

VII. Director's Comments:

- 1) Dr. Forbes reported that Joint Commission had conducted a survey of CSH and that overall, reports were very good.
- 2) Ms. Barker stated that the Civil patient population of CSH participated in a Fashion Show and patients and staff had an enjoyable time. Various awards to patients were presented.
- 3) On October 14, 2006, CSH will celebrate Family Day. Free lunch for attendees will be provided. The theme for this year's event is "Choices In Recovery."
- 4) A former deceased employee of CSH – John Donovan – will have a trail dedicated to his memory on October 18, 2006. Dr. James Reinhard, Commissioner of DMHMRSAS will be in attendance for the dedication of the "John Donovan Memorial Walking Trail."
- 5) Mr. Curseen stated that the SHRC publishes a news letter titled "Human Writes" and in this edition, in the section titled, "Meet the LHRC Honoree", our own LHRC member, Ms. Betty Velez, was given recognition by the SHRC.

VIII. Adjournment: 10:41 am

Next Meeting Dates: November 3, 2006