

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

**Central State Hospital
26317 W. Washington Street
Building 113, Main Conference Room
Petersburg, Virginia 23803
July 13, 2007
8:00 a.m. Executive Session
8:30 am Regular Meeting**

Attendance:

Violet Hite, Chair; Jane Clayborne, Vice-Chair; Member; Chana Ramsey, Member; and Isabel Vartanian, Member.

Guests:

Charles Davis, M.D., CSH Facility Director; Jennifer Barker, CSH Patient Rights Coordinator; Michael Curseen, Human Rights Advocate/Office of Human Rights; Carrie Flowers, Human Rights Advocate/Office of Human Rights; Debbie Abernathy, CSH Behavioral Nurse; and Rose Mitchell, Executive Secretary/Office of Human Rights.

Absent:

Linda Masri, Member

I. Call to Order: 9:10 am

II. Minutes of June 1, 2007, Meeting

The minutes were approved as presented.

IV. Public Comment

None

V. New Business

A. Monthly Variance Report for June 2007 – Presented by Jennifer Barker

Ms. Barker reported that there were no reportable incidents involving the four approved forensic variances during the month of June 2007.

Action: The Committee approved a motion to accept Ms. Barker'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 - May 2007

Formal Human Rights Complaints – June 2007

Spit Guard Usage – June 2007

LHRC Review of Abuse Case File # 703-2007-0038 (8:10 AM)

(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: May 2007 – Presented by Jennifer Barker

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

C. Formal Human Rights Complaints – June 2007 – Presented by Jennifer Barker

Mrs. Barker reported that there were no formal human rights complaints received during the month of June 2007.

Action: None

D. Spit Mask Usage – June 2007 – Presented by Michael Curseen

Mr. Curseen reported that all spit masks for the month of June 2007 appeared to be used appropriately.

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

E. LHRC Review of Case File # 703-2007-0038

Action: (Refer to Follow-up Business item 2.)

F. LHRC Review: Forensic S.T.E.P. Revision – Bldg. 39-8 – Presented by Jennifer Barker, Patient Rights Coordinator

Mrs. Barker explained to the Committee that 39-8 is home to the most aggressive forensic patients and that this population does not respond well to the standard reinforcements routinely utilized with the STEP. It was determined that a modification of STEP reinforcement activities focusing on compliance with personal care, medication meals and an absence of episodes of seclusion and restraints would help stabilize the inappropriate behaviors displayed among this population. All points are to be awarded by nursing staff instead of direct care staff to enhance consistency and objectivity with respect to the awarding of points.

Action: The Committee voted to approve the revisions to the STEP Daily Point Card as presented by Mrs. Barker. The LHRC also requested to receive an updated report regarding the effectiveness of the revised point card at the October 5, 2007 LHRC meeting. The LHRC also requested to be provided with a comparison of this revision to STEP with the currently approved STEP reinforcement point cards. The Committee also requested that the revised point card display the LHRC date of approval.

VI. Follow-up Business

1. LHRC Follow-up: Comparison of HDMC Date for Dental Extractions and Dental Restorations for CSH Patients Covering Previous 12 Months – Presented by Jennifer Barker

Mr. Curseen explained to the Committee that Dr. Raymond Smith of the HDMC Dental Clinic, in an attempt to comply with the LHRC's request, submitted a voluminous amount of raw data which would be too cumbersome and time consuming for the CSH LHRC to review. Mr. Curseen suggested that the LHRC defer this agenda item to the August 3, 2007 LHRC meeting in order to allow CSH (via Mrs. Jennifer Barker) to review and summarize this data for the Committee. Mrs. Barker proposed an additional extension date for preparation of this summary information to September 7, 2007 since the August LHRC meeting is only 3 weeks from this date. The Committee voiced its agreement with Mrs. Barker's proposal.

Action: The Committee approved a motion to defer this item until the September 2007 LHRC meeting.

2. LHRC Follow-up Review of Abuse Case File # 703-2007-0038

Following a review of Case # 0038 during executive session, the Committee approved a motion for Mr. Curseen to review the documents and tapes and to submit comments to Denise Dunn, Investigations Manger and Dr. Davis and report these findings to the Committee at the August 3, 2007, meeting.

VII. Director's Comments:

Dr. Davis shared that the American Society of Addiction Medicine will conduct a training seminar titled Regional Training on Consumer Directed Treatment, which will be presented by Dr. David Mee-Lee. This seminar is scheduled to be held in the SVTC gymnasium on September 12, 2007 and LHRC members are encouraged to attend.

Note: Mr. Curseen reminded everyone in attendance that Dr. James Reinhard, Commissioner, DMHMRSAS and Mr. Gerald Deans Associate Commissioner are scheduled to attend the August 3, 2007, LHRC meeting, and encouraged everyone to be on time for this important meeting. Mr. Curseen will enclose a copy of the letter which the Committee addressed to the Commissioner.

VIII. Adjournment: 9:45 am

Next Meeting Date: August 3, 2007