

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

**Central State Hospital
26317 W. Washington Street
Building 113, Main Conference Room
Petersburg, Virginia 23803
January 8, 2010
8:30 am Regular Meeting**

Attendance:

Violet Hite, Vice-Chair; William Lightfoot, Member; Hannibal Tuck, Member; Jillian McNeil, Member; and Isabel Vartanian, Member.

Guests:

Dr. Charles Davis, CSH Facility Director; Ronald, Forbes, CSH Medical Director; Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations; Jim Bell, Forensic Director; Michael Curseen, Regional Human Rights Manager/ OHR; Ansley Perkins, Human Rights Advocate/OHR

Absent: Jane Clayborne; Linda Masri

I. Call to Order: 8:35 am

II. Minutes of December 4, 2009, Meeting

Jennifer Barker provided clarification regarding the wording on page 4 of the minutes (item 4; third paragraph). Technical support should be changed to clerical support as she will be assisting with the assembly of packets.

Action: The minutes for the December 4, 2009 meeting were approved.

III. Public Comment:

IV. New Business

A. Monthly Variance Report for December 2009 – Presented by Jim Bell, Forensic Director

Mr. Bell reported that there were no reportable incidents involving the four approved forensic variances during the month of December 2009.

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

(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 – November 2009

Formal Human Rights Complaints – December 2009

Update Spit Mask Usage – November 2009

Follow Up: Review of Investigator's Abuse Summary for Case # 0098

(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: November 2009 – Presented by Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations

Action: The Committee approved a motion to accept Ms. Barker's reports.

C. Formal Human Rights Complaints – December 2009 – Presented by Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations

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

D. Seclusion & Restraint Review: Comparison of Seclusion and Restraint incidents and Totals for December 2009 & 2009- Presented by Dr. Charles Davis, CSH Facility Director

Dr. Davis reported that there was a slight increase in seclusions and 4pt restraints and a decrease in the number of 2 pt restraints. Attributes increase in numbers to new forensic patients that are destabilized upon entry and/or return clients that destabilized after having been released from hospital care.

Action: The LHRC Committee approved a motion to accept Dr. Davis' report.

E. Spit Guard Usage- Presented by Michael Curseen, Region IV Human Rights Manager/ OHR

Mr. Curseen reported on 3 incidents, two of which involved the same patient. Some question regarding if the number of incidents is accurate as there was an AOD report for spit mask usage for 12/14/09 at 1715 – 1717 but no AOD report verifying incident of usage for 12/14: 1915-1917. After investigation it was found that the mask was used on 12/14 and the time reported as 1915-1917 was an error by staff in use of military time. According to Mrs. Barker, the Director of Nursing is prepared to enforce the standards of conduct for nursing staff who fail to submit accurate reports.

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

V. Follow-up Business:

1. LHRC Follow up RE: Review of Investigations Summary for Case: 703-2009-0098. Presented by Dr. Charles Davis, CSH Facility Director.

Found to be systemic neglect but not individual neglect due to inconsistencies between the procedures referenced in the policy and precaution sheet requirements. Precaution sheet has been changed as has the policy to reflect that precaution sheets should follow the patient.

Action: The Committee motioned to accept follow-up report.

2. LHRC Follow-up RE: CSH Compliance with Reporting Requirements for the use of Physical Restraints - Ronald, Forbes, M. D., Medical Director.

Action: The Committee motioned to tentatively approve the policy. The LHRC will contact Michael Curseen either verbally or via email by Wednesday (1/13/2009) with recommendations to the policy and Mr. Curseen will pass these recommendations to the Hospital Director. The LHRC will plan to review the final policy at the February 5, 2010 LHRC meeting.

3. LHRC Follow-up RE: ECT Review of Approved Policy Revisions. Presented by Ronald, Forbes, Medical Director.

The Medical Executive Committee approved the ECT policy and checklist. The policy has been published on CSH internet website.

Action: The Committee motions to approve policy revisions.

4. Review of Suggested Changes to Policy Concerning Management of Suspected Rape & Incidents of Patient Related Sexual Activity. Presented by Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations & William Lightfoot, LHRC member.

New changes have been made to policy as follows:

- Patients clothing placed in paper bag to preserve evidence
- Area in which incident occurred will be blocked off

Mrs. Barker plans to consult with Mrs. Clayborne in an effort to make changes to the current sensitivity training offered at CSH addressing sexual assault. Such training will be targeted for AOD staff.

Action: The Committee accepted the draft revisions to the policy and requested Mrs. Barker to provide a follow up report to the LHRC at the February 5, 2010 LHRC meeting after speaking with Mrs. Clayborne.

5. Review of Posting of LHRC Meetings Scheduled in Forensic Units.
Presented by Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations.

Action: The Committee moved to accept Mrs. Barker's meeting dates for Building 39 and requested follow up to address how the needs of patients in building 96 may be met regarding attendance.

VI. Director's Comments:

Dr. Davis reported the following:

Dr. Davis cited an article on state budget deficits which showed that Virginia's deficit is severe when compared with other states. If additional DBHDS budget cuts occur this could have a negative impact on patient care delivery in state hospitals.

Dr. Davis spoke of the Christmas Party that staff put on for the clients. Expressed that event was received well by clients, and staff did an excellent job hosting a budget conscious event.

VII. Adjournment: 9:46 A.M.

Next Meeting Date: February 5, 2010. Meeting will be held in Building 39 at 8:30 A.M