

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

**Central State Hospital
26317 W. Washington Street
Building 113, Main Conference Room
Petersburg, Virginia 23803
September 3, 2010
8:30 am Regular Meeting**

Attendance:

Violet Hite, Vice-Chair; Hannibal Tuck, Member; William Lightfoot, Member; Jillian Taylor, Secretary

Guests:

Vicki Montgomery, Acting Director; Ronald Forbes, CSH Medical Director; Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations & Staff Development; Reta Martin, CSW, Patient Relations & Staff Development; James Bell, Forensic Director; Margaret Walsh, State Human Rights Director; Christina Delzingaro, State Human Rights Committee Chair; Toshica Johnson, SMT; Virginia Epps-Street, SMT; John Simmons, SMT; J. Robinson, SMT; Michael Curseen, Region IV Human Rights Manager/ OHR

Absent:

Jane Clayborne, Chair; Linda Masri, Member

I. Call to Order: 8:33 am

II. Minutes of June 4, 2010 Meeting

Action: The draft minutes for the August 6, 2010 meeting were approved.

III. Public Comment: None

IV. New Business

A. Monthly Variance Reports for August 2010 – 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 August 2010.

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 – July 2010

Formal Human Rights Complaints – August 2010

Spit Guard Usage – August 2010

Biannual summary of Aggression Management Plans

(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. Forensic Variances (4): Formal Application for Renewal ~ Presented by James Bell, Director, Forensic Services

Mr. Bell presented four forensic variances to the Rules and Regulations targeting civil patients who reside in the forensic programs and requested a recommendation from the CSH LHRC for renewal of the variances by the State Human Rights Committee. The variance requests addressed the following areas:

1. Searches and Examinations of Patients and Property
2. Opening, but Not Reading Mail in Front of Civil Patients in Secure Forensic Programs
3. Prohibiting Civil Patients from Retaining Any Form of Money on Their Person in Secure Forensic Programs
4. Conducting Routine Pat-downs of Fully Clothed Civil Patients and Searches of Patients' Bedroom Areas in Secure Forensic Programs

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

C. Monthly Abuse Summary: July 2010 – Presented by Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations

Ms. Barker presented the abuse data covering July 2010

Action: The Committee accepted the abuse data reports presented by Ms. Barker for July 2010.

- D.** Formal Human Rights Complaints – August 2010 –
Presented by Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations and Staff
Development

Action: The committee approved a motion to accept Mrs. Barker's reports.

- E.** Biannual Summary of Aggression Management Plans ~ Presented by
Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations

Ms. Barker presented summaries of the currently active aggression management plans for this reporting period to the LHRC for review.

Action: The committee approved a motion to accept the Biannual Summary of Aggression Management Plans reported by Ms. Barker.

- F.** Seclusions & Restraint Data Summary; Comparisons of S/R Incidents and Totals for August 2010 & August 2009 ~ Presented by
Vicki Montgomery, Acting Director

Action: The Committee approved a motion to accept Ms. Montgomery's report.

- G.** Spit Guard Usage- Presented by Michael Curseen, Human Rights
Advocate/ OHR

Mr. Curseen shared that there were no reported uses of the spit mask for August 2010.

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

- H.** Request for CSH LHRC to Serve as the LHRC for VCBR ~ Presented
by Christina Delzingaro, SHRC Chair and Margaret Walsh, SHRD

Ms. Delzingaro explained that up until recently, the Piedmont Geriatric Center LHRC had served as the LHRC for the Virginia Center for Behavioral Rehabilitation but had submitted a formal decision to the State Human Rights Committee to terminate their affiliation with the VCBR. Ms. Walsh shared that the CSH LHRC appears to be uniquely qualified to serve as the LHRC for the VCBR due to the similarity of issues presented by the CSH forensic and VCBR patient populations. Ms. Walsh also shared that this would be a temporary assignment that is expected last for a minimum of at least six months and explained that the Committee would have the prerogative to determine the type and amount of information it chose to request from the VCBR for review. The VCBR Director or designee and the VCBR Human Rights Advocate would be required to attend

all LHRC meetings. Concerning the question of a request for an LHRC hearing by a VCBR client, Ms. Delzingaro explained that the hearing could be structured to include strict time limits for each side to present its case. Ms. Violet Hite, Vice-Chair shared that any action concerning this request should be made by the full committee and explained that the Chair and another member were not present to receive the information presented.

Action: The Committee agreed to review this request with the full LHRC at the October 1, 2010 LHRC meeting.

V. Follow-up Business: None

VI. Acting Director's Comments: None.

VII. Adjournment: 10:00 A.M.

Next Meeting Date: October 1, 2010. The meeting will be held in the Forensic Conference Room of Building 39 at 8:30 A.M.