

CENTRAL STATE HOSPITAL  
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Central State Hospital

26317 W. Washington Street

Petersburg, Virginia 23803

Building 113, Main Conference Room

September 2, 2011

8:30am Regular Meeting

**Attendance:** Hannibal Tuck, Chair; Jane Clayborne, Vice-Chair; Isabel Vartanian, Member; William Lightfoot, Member

**Guests:** Vicki Montgomery, CEO/Director Central State Hospital; Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations and Staff Development; Reta Martin, Patient Relations and Staff Development; James Bell, Forensic Director; Michael Curseen, Region IV Human Rights Manager/OHR; Walter Small, Human Rights Advocate Senior OHR; Beverly Garnes, Human Rights Advocate; Todessolay Henderson, Social Work; Carla Jones, Social Work.

**Absent:** Jillian Taylor, Secretary; Blondena Mallory, Member

**I. Call to Order – Introductions**

**II. Minutes of August 5, 2011 Meeting**

**Action:** The Committee approved the draft minutes with changes made for August 5, 2011.

**III. Public Comment : None**

**IV. LHRC Fact Finding Hearing RE: R.J. – Presented by Walter Small, Office of Human Rights**

Mr. RJ requested an open hearing.

Mr. Walter Small represented patient RJ, Mr. Small contested that the hospital violated Mr. RJ's rights by not honoring the patient's preference to have a personal laptop computer and access to internet.

Central State Hospital, presented RJ's Treatment Teams have consistently found computer access to be a barrier in treatment as the computer is a great distraction in achieving therapeutic goals. Throughout the years, RJ has shown he is unable to follow the most basic rules with regard to his computer access and continued to push limits such as, purchasing wireless internet services without approval. RJ does have access to computers provided by the hospital, there is not clinical rational that would necessitated RJ to having

greater access to computers. Therefore, RJ's access to patient computers is the same as all other individuals in the hospital.

The LHRC went into closed session to deliberate, upon return into open session the LHRC indicated that they would be providing a written response to the Hospital and patient within 10 working days following the hearing.

**V. New Business**

- A. Monthly Variance Reports for June 2011 & August 2011 – Presented by James Bell, Director, Forensic Services.

**Action:** The Committee approved a motion to accept the monthly variance reported by Mr. Bell for June 2011 and August 2011 concerning the four forensic variances.

**(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 business.

**The following subject matters were discussed in Executive Session:**

**Monthly Abuse Summaries – July 2011**

**Formal Human Rights Complaints – August 2011**

**Spit Guard Usage – August 2011**

**(Return to Open Session)**

Upon reconvening on 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: July 2011 – Presented by Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations and Staff Development

Ms. Barker presented the abuse data covering July 2011.

**Action:** The Committee accepted the abuse data reports presented by Ms. Barker for July 2011.

- C. Formal Human Rights Complaints – August 2011 – Presented by Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations and Staff Development

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

D. Seclusion and Restraint Data Summary; Comparisons of S/R Incidents and Totals for August 2011 vs. August 2010 ~ Presented by Vicki Montgomery, Director Central State Hospital

Ms. Montgomery presented the seclusion and restraint total comparisons for August 2011 vs. August 2010. For August 2011, use of S/R was down from the previous 3 months. Central State Hospital has a number of different situations in which S/R are used. Two of the highest uses generally involves a new admission who is in a very unstable condition, the second highest users are individuals who are diagnosed as having a primary axis II diagnosis and they use aggression and acting out in a more volitional fashion. Central State Hospital is striving to impact the second group through behavioral interventions. Dr. Creighton Hite as our Director of Behavioral Support Services has actively positioned the team for an increased proactive stance.

Eighty Seven Percent of patients receiving services have had no orders for S/R. More specifically, 5 individuals represented more than half of the orders for August. Central State Hospital is continuing to try to impact these outlier cases.

**Action:** The committee approved a motion to accept Ms. Montgomery's report for August 2011.

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

Mr. Small reported there were four reported usages of the spit guard masks for August 2011. The usage was consistent with hospital policy and procedure governing the usage of the spit mask.

**Action:** The committee approved a motion to accept Mr. Small's report for August 2011.

**Follow Up Business:**

1. LHRC Review of Research Proposals RE: 1) Factors contributing to Insanity Acquires' Success and/or Revocation on Conditional Release; 2) Examination of Professional Practices in Evaluations of Mental State at the Time of Offense~ Presented by T. Sriram, M.D., CSH Research Committee Chair

**Action:** The committee made a motion to approve Dr. Sriram Research Proposals.

**VII. Directors Comments**

Central State Hospital's maximum security part of the hospital is working hard to admit individuals in timely manner; however we have waiting lists from jails for individuals to receive evaluations. We have been implementing strategies to shorten the wait time. Some individual's charges are misdemeanor or non-violent felonies. These individuals will be admitted to civil part of hospital. We will follow security transport policy.

**VIII. Adjournment**

**Next Meeting:** October 7, 2011 – Building 113 – Main Conference Room