

CENTRAL STATE HOSPITAL
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Central State Hospital
26317 W. Washington Street
Petersburg, Virginia 23803
Building 96, Ward 2 Treatment Mall
November 4, 2011
8:30am Regular Meeting

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

Guests: Vicki Montgomery, CEO/Director Central State Hospital; Ronald Forbes, M.D., Medical Director; 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; Teresa Langster, Patient Relations; T.G. Sriram, M.D.; M. Tinsdale, SST; C. Bell-Clyde, LPN; Major Parham-Shelton, Security; Y.C., Patient; R.S., Patient; K.C., Patient; G.E., Patient; G.N., Patient.

Absent: Jillian Taylor, Secretary; Barbara Davis, Member

I. Call to Order – Introductions

II. Minutes of October 7, 2011 Meeting

Action: The Committee approved the draft minutes with corrections for October 7, 2011.

III. Public Comment: Patients express concerns about new furniture. Patient acknowledged that the furniture looks nice however; they feel that is not as comfortable. Patients requested to be able to stay in their bedrooms longer in the mornings. Patient asked to be able to return to their rooms following breakfast. . Ms. Montgomery apologized to the patients for the furniture not being as comfortable. Other facilities have utilized this furniture and received positive reviews from their patients.

IV. New Business

A. Monthly Variance Reports for October 2011 – Presented by James Bell, Director, Forensic Services.

Action: The Committee approved a motion to accept the monthly variance reported by Mr. Bell for October 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 – September 2011

Formal Human Rights Complaints – October 2011

Spit Guard Usage – October 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: September 2011 – Presented by Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations and Staff Development

Ms. Barker presented the abuse data covering September 2011.

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

- C. Formal Human Rights Complaints – October 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. Biannual Informal Complaint Summary: May 2011 through October 2011 ~ Presented by Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations and Staff Development

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

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

Ms. Montgomery presented the seclusion and restraint total comparisons for October 2011 vs. October 2010. For October 2011, there was some decrease however; Ms. Montgomery doesn't feel it is representative of a trend. During October, 43% of all seclusion and restraint usage was represented by two individuals. Looking at August and September there seems to be an increase in outliers; five individuals represented the remaining 50 percent of seclusion and restraint for October. Central State Hospital will be watching to see if this is a pattern or trend.

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

- F. Spit Guard Usage for October 2011 – Presented by Walter Small, Human Rights Advocate Senior OHR

Mr. Small reported there were five reported usages of the spit guard masks for October 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 October 2011.

VII. LHRC Follow Up

- A. Research Proposal: DSM V Field Trials in Clinical Practice (Provision of Names of Medical/Clinical Participants) ~ Presented by T. Sriram, M.D., ARHSC Chair

Action: The committee approved a motion to accept the Research Proposal presented by T.G. Sriram, M.D.

- B. Update Regarding the Implementation of the Hospital's Satisfaction Survey RE: Inadequate Housekeeping Services Provided in the Forensic Unit – Building 39 ~ Presented by Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations and Staff Development

The Survey was given to Building 39 patients and was completely voluntary; we did not receive the number of patient responses hoped for. There were concerns because of the number of issues raised in the survey results. Mr. Lehman met with SVTC housekeeping director shared the patients responses. We are optimistic we will see an increase in satisfaction regarding ward cleanliness. Cleaning is done daily; there is a thorough cleaning and then additional spot cleaning, as needed.

Action: The Committee approved a motion to accept the Update Regarding the Implementation of the Hospitals Satisfaction Survey

Director's Comments

The Department was asked to put forward for 2%, 4% and 6% budget cuts. The hospital does not know what recommended cuts were submitted by DBHDS, thus far, no information has been as to whether or not Central State Hospital will be directly impacted. Many have acknowledged with the number of budget cuts during the last several years, the system is somewhat in jeopardy.

VIII. Adjournment

Next Meeting: December 2, 2011 – Building 113 – Main Conference Room