

CENTRAL STATE HOSPITAL
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

Central State Hospital
26317 W. Washington Street
Petersburg, Virginia 23803
Building 113, Main Conference Room
April 6, 2012
8:30am Regular Meeting

Attendance: Hannibal Tuck, Chair; Jane Clayborne, Vice-Chair; William Lightfoot, Member; Barbara Davis, Member; Jillian Taylor, Secretary; Blondena Mallory, Member ; Isabel Vartanian, Member

Guests: Vicki Montgomery, CEO/Director Central State Hospital; Ronald Forbes, M.D., Medical Director; Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations and Staff Development; James Bell, Forensic Director; Walter Small, Human Rights Advocate Senior OHR; Teresa Langster, Patient Relations..

Absent:

I. Call to Order – Introductions

II. Minutes of March 2, 2012 Meeting

Action: The Committee approved the draft minutes for the March 2, 2012 meeting.

III. Public Comment:

IV. New Business

A. Monthly Variance Reports for March 2012 – Presented by James Bell, Director, Forensic Services.

Action: The Committee approved the monthly variance reported by Mr. Bell for March 2012 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 – February 2012

Formal Human Rights Complaints – March 2012

Spit Guard Usage – March 2012

(Return to Open Session)

Upon reconvening into 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: February 2012 – Presented by Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations and Staff Development

Ms. Barker presented the abuse data covering February 2012.

Action: The Committee approved the abuse data reports presented by Ms. Barker for February 2012.

- C. Formal Human Rights Complaints – March 2012 – Presented by Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations and Staff Development

Action: The Committee approved Ms. Barker's report.

- D. Seclusion and Restraint Data Summary; Comparisons of S/R Incidents and Totals for March 2012 vs. March 2011 ~ Presented by Vicki Montgomery, Director Central State Hospital

Ms. Montgomery explained that 85% of individuals had no S/R episodes and over 70% of S/R involved only 4 individuals. The hospital continues to monitor and it continues to be our goal to reduce seclusion and restraint.

Action: The committee approved Ms. Montgomery's report for March 2012.

- E. Spit Guard Usage for March 2012 – Presented by Walter Small, Human Rights Advocate Senior OHR.

Mr. Small reported there were three reported usages of the spit guard masks for March 2012. The usage was consistent with hospital policy and procedure governing the usage of the spit mask.

Action: The committee approved Mr. Small's report for March 2012.

- F. Patient Competency Appeal - Presented by Hospital Representative, Ms. Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations and Staff Development.

Action: The committee reviewed and decision to be rendered.

VII. LHRC Follow up: Approvals for the February Minutes and New Business needed to be approved.

A. Minutes of February 3, 2012 Meeting

Action: The Committee approved the draft minutes for the February 3, 2012 meeting.

B. New Business

a. Monthly Variance Reports for February 2012

Action: The Committee approved the monthly variance report for February 2012 concerning the four forensic variances.

b. Monthly Abuse Summaries – January 2012

Action: The Committee approved the abuse data reports for January 2012.

c. Formal Human Rights Complaints – February 2012

Action: The Committee approved the report for February 2012

d. Seclusion and Restraint Data Summary; Comparisons of S/R/ Incidents and Totals for February 2012 vs. February 2011

Action: The Committee approved the report for February 2012

e. Spit Guard Usage for February 2012

Action: The Committee approved the report for February 2012

f. Interview of potential new LHRC board member took place March 2, 2012

Action: The Committee approved the new LHRC board member

VIII. Director's Comments

Ms. Montgomery reported that there are two big initiatives right now. One of them is because we are a maximum security forensic unit we get various treatment orders from jails around the state. At one time because of census and some other issues we had a significant waiting list of people who needed to come in from the jails. Since late last year we have been involved in getting people in in a timely fashion and moved through the system. We have been successful with our efforts.

VOPA has taken this on as an issue and we have agreed to get the waiting time down to 10-15 business days and we are now in compliance with that agreement.

Second, Central State Hospital is not involved in DOJ plans for closing of training center beds. SVTC has provided support services and since they will be closing those support services will be transitioning over to Central State Hospital. We are working with the Leadership and Training Center to try to make this a seamless transition.

VIII. Adjournment

Next Meeting: May 4, 2012 – Building 113