

CENTRAL STATE HOSPITAL  
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES

Central State Hospital  
26317 W. Washington Street  
Petersburg, Virginia 23803  
Building 39 – Open Session -Visitation Room  
Building 113 – Executive Session – Main Conference Room  
September 7, 2012  
8:15am Regular Meeting

**Attendance:** Hannibal Tuck, Chair, William Lightfoot Vice-Chair; Isabel Vartanian, Member Jillian Taylor, Secretary;

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

**Absent:** Blondena Mallory, Member; Liesl Lipford, Member; Barbara Davis, Member

**I. Call to Order – Introductions**

**II. Minutes of August 3, 2012 Meeting**

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

**III. Public Comment:**

Mr. G.M. came to the open session and brought forth complaints regarding his personal treatment. The committee was provided a letter outlining the patients' complaints. The committee will review these complaints and respond as deemed appropriate.

**IV. New Business**

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

**Action:** The Committee approved the monthly variance reported by Mr. Bell for August 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 – July 2012**

**Formal Human Rights Complaints – August 2012**

**Spit Guard Usage – August 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: July 2012 – Presented by Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations and Staff Development

Ms. Barker presented the abuse data covering July 2012.

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

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

**Action:** The Committee approved Ms. Barker's report for August 2012.

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

Ms. Montgomery stated 54% of orders for August involved 4 individuals. Central State hospital continues to show success with the decrease of concurrent use of seclusion and restraint.

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

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

Mr. Small reported there were two reported usages of the spit guard masks for August 2012. Both usages were done in accordance with hospital policy and procedure.

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

F. Spit Guard Demonstration – Presented by Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations and Staff Development

The Committee postponed the demonstration of the Spit Guard mask until meeting in October due to the absence of Ms. Lipford

V. **Old Business: None**

VI. **LHRC Follow up: None**

VIII. **Director's Comments**

Ms. Montgomery stated the Department of Behavioral Health decided a few years ago to put together a peer review process in which teams of staff would go into other hospitals and look at various performances. The reasons were to identify areas of vulnerability and to identify the best practices. Central State Hospital is in their second season of these Audits. A team will be auditing the hospital in October 2012. Part of the focus of the audit looks at Human Rights, Abuse and Neglect and Complaints. Ms. Montgomery feels that it's good that the system sees the above mentioned areas as being an important part of the mission to include them in the audit.

VIII. **Adjournment**

**Next Meeting:** October 5, 2012 – Building 113, Main Conference Room.