

CENTRAL STATE HOSPITAL
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Central State Hospital
26317 W. Washington Street
Petersburg, Virginia 23803
Building 113 – Main Conference Room
June 7, 2013
8:30am

Attendance: Hannibal Tuck, Chair; Isabel Vartanian, Member; Liesl Lipford, Member; William Lightfoot Vice-Chair; Barbara Davis, Member

Guests: Vicki Montgomery, CEO/Director Central State Hospital; Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations and Staff Development; Teresa Langster, Patient Relations; Juliann Wareham, Patient Relations and Staff Development; Jim Bell, Director of Forensics; Walter Small, Human Rights Advocate

Absent: Blondena Mallory;

Call to Order – Introductions

I. Minutes of April 2013 Meeting

Action: The committee approved the meeting minutes from the April 2013 meeting.

II. Public Comment:

III. New Business

A. Monthly Variance Report for April and May 2013– Presented by James Bell, Director, Forensic Services.

Action: The Committee approved a motion to accept the monthly variance reported by Mr. Bell for April and May 2013 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 – March and April 2013

Formal Human Rights Complaints – April and May 2013

Spit Guard Usage – April and May 2013

(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: March and April 2013 – Presented by Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations and Staff Development

Action: The Committee approved the abuse data report presented by Ms. Barker for March and April 2013.

Formal Human Rights Complaints –April and May 2013 – Presented by Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations and Staff Development

Action: The Committee approved the report presented by Ms. Barker for April and May 2013.

- C.** Seclusion and Restraint Data Summary; Comparisons of S/R Incidents and Totals for April 2013 vs. April 2012 and May 2012 vs May 2013 ~ Presented by Vicki Montgomery, Director Central State Hospital

Action: The Committee accepted the Seclusion and Restraint data report presented by Ms. Montgomery for April and May 2013.

- D.** Spit Guard Usage for April and May 2013– Presented by Walter Small, Human Rights Advocate.

Action: There was no reported use of Spit Guard for the month of April and May 2013.

IV. Old Business:

V. LHRC Follow up: None

VI. Director's Comments: Ms. Montgomery followed up on the Human Rights Regulations revision that is in the works. The plan is for this revision to streamline the complaint process. There have been a number of steps with this revision. A focus group has been selected and Ms. Montgomery

is a member of the focus group. The focus group consists of CSB's, providers, advocacy groups and some family members. Ms. Montgomery stated the revision is due to the concern where the process is inhibitive of the individuals being able to make complaints and get complaints heard. She feels CSH is on top of all allegations and complaints, as staff look at all complaints and allegations that come in.

VII. Adjournment

Next Meeting: August 2, 2013 –Building 113 – Main Conference Room.