

**CENTRAL STATE HOSPITAL
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

**Central State Hospital
26317 W. Washington Street
Building 113, Main Conference Room
Petersburg, Virginia 23803
May 4, 2007
8:30 a.m.**

Attendance:

Chana Ramsey, Chair; Cleveland Rodgers, Member; Jane Clayborne, Member; Linda Masri, Member; and Isabel Vartanian, Member.

Guests:

Charles Davis, M.D., CSH Facility Director; Vicki Montgomery, Assistant Director for Clinical Administration Services/CSH; Ronald Forbes, M.D., CSH Medical Director; Michael Curseen, Human Rights Advocate/Office of Human Rights; Carrie Flowers, Human Rights Advocate/Office of Human Rights; Jim Bell, CSH Forensics Unit Director; and Rose Mitchell, Executive Secretary/Office of Human Rights.

Absent:

Violet Hite, Vice-Chair

I. Call to Order: 8:36 am

II. Minutes of April 13, 2007, Meeting

The minutes were approved.

IV. Public Comment

Mr. Curseen introduced Vicki Montgomery to the Committee and told the Committee that Ms. Montgomery has assumed the position as Assistant Director of Clinical Administration Services

V. New Business

A. Monthly Variance Report for April 2007 – Presented by Jim Bell

Mr. Bell reported that there were no reportable incidents involving the

four approved forensic variances during the month of April 2007.

Action: The Committee approved a motion to accept Mr. Bell's Report.

(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 public business.

The following subject matters were discussed in Executive Session:

Monthly Abuse Summary: March 2007

Formal Human Rights Complaints – April 2007

Biannual Informal Human Rights Complaints (Nov. 06 thru April 07)

Spit Guard Usage – April 2007

(Return to Open Session)

Upon reconvening in 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 2007 – Presented by Vicki Montgomery

The Committee approved a motion to accept Ms. Montgomery's report.

C. Formal Human Rights Complaints – April 2007 – Presented by Vicki Montgomery

The Committee approved a motion to accept Ms. Montgomery's report

D. Biannual Informal Human Rights Complaints: November through April 2007 – Presented by Vicki Montgomery

After much discussion, the Committee requested information concerning the number of tooth extractions versus the number of tooth restorations performed at the Hiram Davis Dental Clinic for CSH patients. Mr. Curseen shared that the State Human Rights Committee raised concerns recently regarding what appeared to be an excessive number of dental extractions performed on patients at Southside Virginia Training Center. Dr. Davis and Ms. Montgomery shared that CSH has shared concerns with the dental staff and administration at HDMC regarding this issue in an effort to determine whether tooth restorations were possible for certain CSH patients such as case # 205378. The Committee expressed an interest in receiving data from Mr. David Rosenquist, Director at Hiram

Davis Medical Center covering the last 12 months to address the reason for the dental referral and the total number of tooth extractions versus tooth restorations.

The Committee also requested detailed follow up information concerning the sexual and physical aggression issues addressed for case number 511134.

The Committee approved a motion to accept Ms. Montgomery's report of Informal Human Rights Complaints. The Committee also requested data from Mr. David Rosenquist, Director at Hiram Davis Medical Center covering the last 12 months to address the reason for the dental referral and the total number of tooth extractions versus tooth restorations. Additionally, the Committee also requested detailed follow up information concerning the sexual and physical aggression issues addressed for case number 511134.

D. Spit Mask Usage – April 2007 – Presented by Michael Curseen

Mr. Curseen stated that the spit masks appeared to be used appropriately. However, a review of spit mask usage for E. P. indicated on the form initiated by the attending nurse, the spit mask was used as a preventive measure, while the AOD Report covering the same period indicated that the mask was applied following an incident of spitting.

The Committee approved a motion to accept Mr. Curseen's report, and requested follow-up concerning the reason for E. P's spit mask usage.

VI. Follow-up Business

1. LHRC Follow-up Review of Ward Rules: Building 39 & Buildings 94/95 – Presented by Ms. Montgomery

Ms. Montgomery stated that Ms. Barker and Mr. Curseen worked on the ward rules and made the necessary changes to the language to sound more patient focused. As requested by the Committee, the date of LHRC approval was added. Ms. Montgomery also stated that Col. James Lowery, Director of Forensic Security for CSH approved the use of an 8" x 10" area of wall space for pictures to be hung in the bedroom areas of the forensic units.

The Committee approved a motion to approve the ward rules presented by Ms. Montgomery.

2. LHRC Follow-up: Request for an Update Regarding the Implementation of the Hospital's Satisfaction Survey: Presented

by Ms. Montgomery

Ms. Montgomery presented to the Committee graphs of the different wards and the results of the patients' survey. The Committee questioned the survey results for ward 39-8, but Ms. Montgomery explained that only two patients had participated in this survey and that this ward houses the most aggressive patient population at CSH.

The Committee approved a motion to accept Ms. Montgomery's report and requested a follow-up report in August 2007.

VII. Director's Comments:

Dr. Davis stated that a group of people from JLARC was at Central State Hospital and they were looking at the number of available beds that is available at the state facilities. Dr. Davis says that CSH is getting more patients with head traumas and dementia patients that have some aggression and no one else will take them.

Dr. Forbes gave the committee an update on A.A. – the patient is now out of restraints and has a timeout room available for his use. A. A. is choosing to spend most of his time away from the patient population, but except for one incident, he has managed to remain out of restraints.

Note: Mr. Curseen requested that the Committee and Dr. Davis actively recruit for prospective LHRC candidates for membership. Mr. Curseen explained that the LHRC needs committee members and requested everyone to be involved in recruiting new members, with special emphasis on consumer candidates.

VIII. Adjournment: 10:20 pm

Next Meeting Date: June 1, 2007

