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LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MINUTES
EASTERN STATE HOSPITAL
4601 Ironbound Road
Williamsburg, VA 23187-8791

January 17, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Loundermon, Chair; Emma Rhyne, Co-Chair; Steven Bennett; John McMahon and Doris Foreman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Robin Bristow; Timm Eberly; Rich Adams and Jajala Schweiger.

STAFF PRESENT: Gianna Mitchell, Human Rights Advocate; John Favret, Hospital Director and Lisa Webster, LHRC Liaison Support, Mark Stevens, Disability Rights Advocate -VOPA Representative

1. Call to Order

The Local Human Rights Committee meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. with Charles Loundermon, Chair presiding, for the purpose of hearing business as presented on the agenda and such other transactions or matters that may be presented to the Committee.

2. Agenda

The January 17, 2008 Agenda was reviewed.

Action: Motion was made by Ms. Rhyne and properly seconded by Ms. Foreman that the LHRC approve the January 17, 2008 Agenda with noted change. The motion passed unanimously.

3. ECT Hearing – S.A.

*The motion was made by Ms. Rhyne properly seconded by Ms. Foreman, and passed for the LHRC to go into executive session pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2-3711(A) 4 for the protection of the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business, namely for the purpose of hearing of authorized representatives, hearing of behavior modifications and/or conducting a hearing pursuant to the regulations. **Refer to Executive Session Minutes***

Motion was made by Ms. Rhyne and properly seconded by Mr. McMahon and passed that we go into open session. The LHRC unanimously certified that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only private business matters lawfully exempted from statutory open meeting requirements and only private business

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matters identified in the motion to convene the executive session were discussed in the executive session.

Charles Loundermon -	So certify
Emma Rhyne	So certify
Doris Foreman	So certify
John McMahon	So certify
Steve Bennett	So certify

4. Minutes

Minutes of the November 15, 2007 LHRC meeting were reviewed.

Action: Motion was made by Ms. Rhyne and properly seconded by Mr. McMahon that the LHRC approve the November 15, 2007 As written. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Hospital Directors' Reports

Mr. Favret presented the November and December 2007- Disposition of the Abuse/Neglect Investigations Reports; Facility Monthly Reports and the Formal and Informal Complaints Reports (see the January 17, 2008, LHRC packet).

Action: The committee members present accepted the Hospital Directors' Reports for November and December 2007.

Mr. Favret offered to schedule a tour of the new Geriatric Facility after the February 21, 2008 LHRC meeting. Members present welcomed the invitation.

6. Forensics Program Handbooks – High and Low Security and Rules of Conduct Review – Presented by Michael Frazier, CSW.

A motion was made by Mr. McMahon and properly seconded by Ms. Foreman to accept the Forensics Program High and Low Security Handbooks along with the Forensic Program Rules of Conduct with noted changes. All were in favor.

7. PSR Program Handbook and Rules of Conduct Review – Presented by Dr. Donna Cairns.

A motion was made by Mr. Bennett and properly seconded by Ms. Foreman to accept the PSR Program Handbook along with the Rules of Conduct with noted changes. All were in favor.

A motion was made by Mr. Bennett and properly seconded by Mr. McMahon that Program Handbook and Rules of Conduct changes are to be highlighted when

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they are presented to committee. All were in favor.

8. Training -

Ms. Mitchell presented the committee with a brief training on:

Authorized Representative (AR) Ms. Mitchell presented handouts and gave a very informative training on all aspects of an AR and its process.

Action: The Training was well received by committee members present.

Ms. Mitchell also informed the committee that they may see an increase in the complaints due the way they are being reported.

9. Attendance Letter/ Consumer Position - A letter from the consumer position was shared with the committee regarding attendance.

A motion was made to recommend to the SHRC to have the consumer member removed from the ESH LHRC Committee. A recommendation was made to table the decision until the February 21, 2008 meeting.

The committee voted on the recommendation to defer the decision to recommend removal of the consumer to the SHRC until the February 21, 2008 meeting.

Action: (1) abstention - (1) against and (3) for. The decision to recommend removal of the consumer to the SHRC will be deferred until the February 21, 2008 meeting.

10. Holiday Party for Geriatric Patients - Update

The Fifth Annual Holiday Party for Geriatric Patients was very successful.

**11. Announcement(s)
NA**

12. Adjournment-

Having no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Rhyne properly seconded by Mr. McMahon that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m. **The next scheduled meeting will be held Thursday, February 21, 2008 in Building #33 at 10:30 a.m.**

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Charles Loudermon, Chair

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cc: LHRC Members
Hospital Director
Patient Safety Officer/Complaint Liaison
Region V Human Rights Director
Human Rights Advocates
Attachments:
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1. ECT Hearing – S.A.

The Treatment Team and Parents attended the ECT Hearing on behalf of S.A. at 10:40 a.m., January 17, 2008. Dr. Noveras reported that S.A. is a 52 year old white female with a history of depression since the age of 18. She is paranoid, refuses medication, has become aggressive, refuses to eat and is selectively mute. The treatment team is recommending S.A. for ECT.

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Action: There was evidence of: ECT Video review by AR's -Consent for treatment - Second opinion. The committee accepted the request. The vote was unanimous.

Charles Loundermon, Chair

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cc: LHRC MEMBERS

Mr. Daye

Advocate

Hospital Director

Attachments:

These minutes are not subject to mandatory public disclosure in accordance with Code of Virginia 2.1-344.1.H. (1989, c.358)