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LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MINUTES
EASTERN STATE HOSPITAL
4601 Ironbound Road
Williamsburg, VA 23188-2652

July 19, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joyce Smith, Chair; Kathy Suslik, Vice-Chair Robin Bristow, Alice Callahan, Jajala J. Schweiger, Charles Loundermon, Brandon Washington and Jason Mintel.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Dick Roberts, Hospital Liaison and Lisa Webster, Acting LHRC Administrative Support.

1. Call to Order

The Local Human Rights Committee meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m. with Joyce Smith, 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 July 19, 2012 agenda was reviewed and revised.

Action: A motion was made by Ms. Schweiger and properly seconded by Ms. Suslik to approve the July 19, 2012, ESH LHRC agenda with noted revisions (remove Advocates Report and TA/EA Hearing) and add discussion about the changes in the ESH LHRC structure. All were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Minutes

The June 21, 2012 Minutes of the LHRC meeting were reviewed.

Action: Motion was made by Ms. Suslik and properly second by Mr. Loundermon that the LHRC approve the June 21, 2011 minutes as written.

4. Public Comment – None

5. Future of ESH LHRC

Ms. Smith reported that she received a phone call from Ms. Zaneveld advising the hospital had requested and has been accepted by an another LHRC that serves similar issues. Ms. Smith also received an e-mail from Ms. Zaneveld, stating that as of July 31, 2012 the ESH LHRC would no longer meet at the Hospital, the by-laws needed to be

amended to reflect a new name and a new meeting facility will need to be found. She also stated Ms. Zaneveld told her all others providers have requested new affiliation with the exception of Positive Intervention Services and One-Way Counseling and the reassignments will be facilitated by Ms. Zaneveld.

Mr. Roberts asked that the members to separate the Hospital and the Office of Human Rights in its discussion. Mr. Roberts read a letter to the LHRC about the hospital taking the next step of its development by changing the hospital affiliation to allow the sharing of data with similar mental health providers to include Sentara Hospital and Williamsburg Place.

Action: The Committee determined it will request a meeting with Mr. Daye, Region V, Regional Advocate

6. Quarterly Reports

Eastern State Hospitals Quarterly Report was accepted

Positive Interventions did not present their quarterly report because they said they were not told to do so when contacted by Ms. Zaneveld, Advocate. Ms. Zaneveld asked if they would like to transfer to a new LHRC. because it was possible the ESH HRC would be dismantled and if this occurred Positive Intervention Services would be forced to affiliate with another LHRC. Ms. TeLove Brown and Mr. Andre Brown presented their completed Behavior Plans and Policies. The Committee reviewed these documents and a motion was made by Mr. Loundemon and properly seconded by Ms. Suslik to accept the Behavior Plan and Policies from Positive Intervention Services, as presented.

One Way Counseling was not present and remains in non-compliance.

Cornerstone Support Services was not present.

Together Lives Change was not present.

Transitions, Training and Development was not present.

Family Priority was not present.

7. Open Forum

The LHRC discussed the memo received by Ms. Zaneveld dated July 16, 2012 and continued to discuss the issues facing the LHRC in open forum because Ms. Zaneveld stated in her email memorandum: "The information identified in the referenced email is of public domain and not FOIA material for an executive session."

The Committee questioned how four new providers, two of which remain unlicensed, decided to transfer to a new LHRC; three on July 10th, and one on July 11th. The Chair referenced the approved minutes of the May 2011 ES LHRC meeting, in which Mr. Prost, Advocate, stated the OHR is responsible for the training of new providers. The members agreed since the ESH LHRC began taking new providers, neither the members nor the new providers have been provided with an understanding or training on the process. The Committee contemplated how these providers would have had the knowledge to request a reassignment.

The Committee reversed an earlier action to request a meeting with Mr. Daye, Regional V Advocate, and will request a meeting with Ms. Margaret Walsh, State Director of Human Rights to learn of the members' status; the members were appointed to the ESH LHRC by the SHRC, will they be reappointed or their appointments be nullified; does the scope of Ms. Zaneveld's role as an advocate, give her the ability to recommend new providers transfer to another LHRC, and thereby reduce the LHRC to one potential provider; and what position will the SHRC take in considering the viability of the former ESH LHRC. The Committee members based these issues of concern on the statements made by administrators of Positive Interventions regarding Ms. Zaneveld's advisement and the chair's 7/11/12 telephone advisement from Ms. Zaneveld.

The Committee determined to wait for advisement and direction from the State Office of Human Right before making any determination of its future.

8. Adjournment

Having no further business, a motion was made a by Mr. Loudermon and properly seconded by Ms. Suslik that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

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C: LHRC Members
Hospital Director
Human Rights Advocate
Hospital Liaison
Affiliates