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

**June 17, 2010**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steven Bennett, Chair; Jajala Schweiger, Co-Chair; Emma Rhyne; Joyce Smith; Charles Loundermon; Alice Callahan and John McMahon .

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jason Intel and Ti'juana Gholson.

STAFF PRESENT: Stewart Prost, Advocate; Lisa Webster, LHRC Liaison-Support; Mark Stevens, VOPA Representative.

**1. Call to Order**

The Local Human Rights Committee meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. with Steven Bennett, 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 June 17, 2010 agenda was reviewed.

Action: Motion was made by Ms. Schweiger and properly seconded by Ms. Rhyne that the LHRC approve the June 17, 2010 Agenda as written. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. Minutes**

Minutes of May 20, 2010 of the LHRC meeting were reviewed. Executive Session Minutes of May 20, 2010 of the LHRC meeting were also reviewed.

Action: Motion was made by Ms. Schweiger and properly seconded by Ms. Smith that the LHRC approve the May 20, 2010 Minutes and the Executive Session Minutes to reference #2 of the Executive Session Minutes which reflected a deep concern as to the response of the hospital to this incident. All were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. Hospital Directors' Reports**

*Deferred*

***Follow-up Director's Report - Deferred***

**5. Peer/Peer – Follow-up**

Mr. Roberts reported Peer/Peer process is going well. Ms. Webster will forward a copy of Policy 271-02 INCIDENT REPORT/BASELINE ANALYSIS AND REVIEW for review by the committee.

Action: It was requested that Policy 271-02 be placed on the agenda for the June LHRC Meeting. **Open.**

***Follow-up for June 17, 2010 Meeting - Deferred***

VOPA Reportable Event – It was recommended that the building numbers be placed on the VOPA Reportable Events. **Open.**

Action: Mr. Roberts will contact Risk Management.

**6. VOPA Reportable Events – *Deferred***

There were concerns about the injuries in Geriatrics.

Action: Mr. Roberts reported that the hospital has been looking into the event as possible abuse/neglect, clinically and systemically. Upon completion of the investigation he will be able to report on the committee's concerns.

**7. Recommendations for Visitation for the HGTC – Presented by James Reese, LCSW.**

Mr. Reese reported that based upon review, discussion, and CMS standards the following recommendation have been implemented: (1) There will be no visitation hours identified/suggested in either policy or Orientation Packages. (2) Families will be allowed to visit the private bedroom areas of the resident. (3) The SOP for Visitation and Telephone Calls has been revised.

Action: Committee members reviewed and accepted the revision of the SOP referencing Visitation and Telephone Calls.

**8. Rescheduled Appeal Hearing for JR**

The LHRC Chair made a recommendation to hold the rescheduled appeal hearing for JR on July 15, 2010 which is the scheduled meeting date of the LHRC. Training will be held at 9:00 a.m. and the hearing will start at 9:30 a.m. on that date in Building 1 – Room 102. The scheduled LHRC meeting will start at 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. An alternate date for the hearing was recommended for July 27, 2010.

A motion was made by Mr. Loundemon and properly seconded by Mr. McMahon to accept the rescheduled and alternate dates for the appeal hearing for JR.

**9. LHRC Chair and Co-Chair Nominations**

Jajala Schweiger was nominated for Chair and Steven Bennett was nominated for Co-Chair of the ESH LHRC for 2010.

A motion was made by Mr. Loundemon and properly seconded by Ms. Rhyne to accept the nomination of Ms. Schweiger as Chair and Mr. Bennett as Co-Chair for the ESH LHRC. All were in favor.

Ms. Schweiger and Mr. Bennett accepted the office of Chair and Co-Chair of the ESH LHRC for 2010.

**10. Open Forum**

Mr. Stevens, VOPA Representative handed out correspondence to committee members present addressed to the State Human Rights Committee from Eastern State Hospital Patients regarding "Increasing Restrictions Placed On Patients". Members present were concerned about the issues addressed but did not have enough information to address the concerns.

Action: Mr. Bennett will compose a letter to Margaret Walsh, Director of Human Rights requesting that the committee be advised of the hospital's findings, communications with ESH and any other relevant information regarding the allegations of this memorandum by the July 15, 2010 LHRC meeting.

**11. Announcement(s):**

A recommendation was made to pursue Robin Bristow a former member of the LHRC for membership.

**12. Adjournment**

Having no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Schweiger and properly seconded by Mr. McMahon that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m. **The next scheduled meeting will be held Thursday, July 15, 2010 in Building #1- Room 102 at 10:30 a.m.**

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Steven Bennett, Chair

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cc: LHRC Members  
Hospital Director  
Human Rights Advocate  
Resident Relations Liaison/Resident Safety Coordinator

Add to Executive Session Minutes

Recommendation: A recommendation was made in reference to #2 in the Executive Session Minutes which reflected a deep concern as to the response of hospital staff to this incident.