## **APPROVED**

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

# April 17, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Loundermon, Chair; Emma Rhyne, Co-Chair;

Steven Bennett; Robin Bristow; Doris Foreman; John

McMahon and Jajala Schweiger

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rich Adams

STAFF PRESENT: John Favret, Hospital Director; Gianna Mitchell, Human

Rights Advocate; Lisa Webster, LHRC Liaison Support,

Mark Stevens, Disability Rights Advocate - Ansley

Perkins, HRA Central State Hospital

#### 1. Call to Order

The Local Human Rights Committee meeting was called to order at 10:45 a.m. with Charles Lounderman, 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 March 20, 2008 and April 17, 2008 Agenda was reviewed.

Action: Motion was made by Ms. Bristow and properly seconded by

Mr.

McMahon that the LHRC approve the March 20, 2008 and April 17, 2008 Agenda as written. The motion passed

unanimously.

#### 3. Minutes

Minutes of the February 2008 LHRC meeting were reviewed.

Action: Motion was made by Ms. Bristow and properly seconded by

Mr.

McMahon that the LHRC approve the February 17, 2008 minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

## 4. Hospital Directors' Reports

Mr. Favret presented the February and March 2008 Disposition of the Abuse/Neglect Investigations Report; Facility Monthly Report and the Formal and Informal Complaints Report (see April 17, 2008, LHRC packet).

In reference to the Seclusion/Restraint Review of the monthly report, Mr. Favret clarified that safety restraints are medically necessitated under Doctor's orders.

He shared with the committee that the reason ESH residents are not being discharged is mainly due to not having appropriate housing. In addition, housing needs to be provided for the population that does not need to be at Eastern State Hospital.

Action: In support of this discharge/housing issue, LHRC Members will

consider drafting a letter and forwarding it to the proper authorities. The committee members present accepted the

Hospital Directors' Report for March 2008.

# 8. Training – Deferred

#### 9. Attendance Letter/ Consumer Position -

Ms. Mitchell reported that the attendance letter regarding the consumer position

has been sent to the SHRC to be presented at the April 18, 2008 meeting for

approval. She has received an application from the community for membership

on the ESH LHRC and will contact the applicant and set up a time to be interviewed at the May 15, 2008 meeting. Ms. Mitchell has also made the leadership committee aware that the LHRC was interested in another resident

from the hospital to serve on the committee. Currently, she has not gotten a

response.

## 10. ECT Hearing – S.A.

The motion was made by Ms. Schweiger properly seconded by Ms. Bristow, 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. Schweiger and properly seconded by 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 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
Jajala Schwieger So certify
Robin Bristow So certify

# 10. Adjournment-

Having no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Bristow properly seconded by Ms. Schweiger that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed

unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The next scheduled meeting will be held Thursday, *May 15, 2008* in the New Hancock Building – Conference Room 102 at 10:30 a.m.

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# **Charles Loundermon, Chair**

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cc: LHRC Members

Hospital Director

Patient Safety Officer/Complaint Liaison

Region V Human Rights Director

Human Rights Advocates

Attachments:

LHRC Attendance

# Local Human Rights Committee Executive Session April 17, 2008

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# 1. ECT Hearing – S.A.

Dr. Noveras and Mary Russell, CSW attended the ECT Hearing on behalf of S.A. S.A. has currently gone through 12 series of treatments. The treatment team members have seen improvement in all aspects of her previous behaviors and feel she would benefit from additional ECT Treatments.

Action: There was evidence of: AR's -Consent for treatment -

Second opinion. The committee accepted the request for 15

additional ECT Treatments. 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)