

## **APPROVED**

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

**May 21, 2009**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steven Bennett, Chair; Emma Rhyne, Co-Chair; Robin Bristow; John McMahon; Joyce Smith; Jajala Schweiger and Jason Intel

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: John Favret, Hospital Director; Dick Roberts, Patient Safety/Complaint Liaison Officer; Willie Barnes and Brian Whitley, Human Rights Advocates; Lisa Webster, LHRC Liaison Support and 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 May 21, 2009 Agenda was reviewed.

Action: Motion was made by Ms. Bristow and properly seconded by Ms. Smith that the LHRC approve the May 21, 2009 Agenda as written. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. Minutes**

Minutes of April 16, 2009 LHRC meeting were reviewed.

Action: Motion was made by Ms. Schweiger and properly seconded by Mr. McMahon that the LHRC approve the April 16, 2009 minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. Hospital Directors' Reports**

Mr. Favret presented the April 2009 Disposition of the Abuse/Neglect Investigations Report and the Facility Monthly Report. Mr. Roberts presented the Formal and Informal Complaints Report for April 2009. (See the May 21, 2009, LHRC packet).

**Complaint Performance Improvement Project**

Mr. Favret announced that a Complaint Performance Improvement project will be started using specific complaint data to determine what is being found and what is being done regarding complaints. The information collected will help with in-servicing staff and improving

professionalism. **Open.**

**Osawatomie Hospital Study(OHS)**

Starting next month data from the OSH will be provided. A graph will also be incorporated into the facility report to compare ESH with the OHS which compares ESH's data with their peers. **Open.**

**Restorative Care Plan for Residents in Geri Chairs**

A plan is being developed by the Occupational Therapy and Nursing Departments.

The committee members present accepted the Hospital Directors' Report for April 2009 with noted updates.

**Follow-up-  
Seclusion/Restraint Report**

Mr. Favret announced that the Seclusion/Restraint Report will be continued once the program is working properly. Currently the Utilization Review Coordinators are checking the nursing documentation and counting the number of hours by hand. Mr. Roberts announced that a work group has been formed and data should start being recorded by 1 July 2009. **Open**

**ESH LHRC Attendance and Membership**

Due to changes in her work schedule, a letter of resignation was received from Ms. Foreman. Action: A motion was made by Ms. Bristow and properly seconded by Ms Schweiger that the committee accept Ms. Foreman's letter of resignation. **Closed**

**Forensic Program and the Privileging Process**

Dr. Margaret Fahey, Forensic Coordinator gave a very informative overview of the Forensic and Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity (NGRI) Population. Her presentation was well received by all members present. **Closed**

**5. Open Forum**

**Tour of HGTC- Concern about treatment by staff.**

A member reported that after a LHRC meeting on April 16, 2009 two LHRC Members and the HRA took a tour of the HGTC. Staff became irate when they recognized a member who has a family member that resides on one of the Pods. **Action:** Mr. Favret stated that he would look into the situation. **Open**

- 6. Announcement(s):** The new Human Rights Advocate, Mr. Brian Whitley, was introduced to the Committee by Ms. Barnes. Mr. Whitley received a cordial welcome from the committee.

7. **Adjournment-**

Having no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Schweiger and properly seconded by Ms. Rhyne that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m. **The next scheduled meeting will be held Thursday, June 18, 2009 in Building #33- Room 106 at 10:30 a.m.**

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Steven Bennett, Chair

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cc: LHRC Members- Hospital Director - Patient Safety Officer/Complaint Liaison  
Region V Human Rights Director