

# APPROVED

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

**September 18, 2008**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steven Bennett, Chair; Robin Bristow; John McMahon;  
Jajala Schweiger; Joyce Smith; Mary Ellen Rickmond  
and Jason Mintel

MEMBERS ABSENT: Emma Rhyne, Co-Chair; Doris Foreman

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

**1. Call to Order**

The Local Human Rights Committee meeting was called to order at 10:35 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. The Committee joined the Chair in welcoming Ms. Mary E. Rickmond and Mr. Jason Mintel to the Committee.

**2. Agenda**

The September 18, 2008 Agenda was reviewed.

Action: Motion was made by Ms. Bristow and properly seconded by Ms. Schweiger that the LHRC approve the September 18, 2008 Agenda as written. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. Minutes**

Minutes of the July 17, 2008 LHRC meeting were reviewed.

Action: Motion was made by Ms. Bristow and properly seconded by Ms. Schweiger that the LHRC approve the July 17, 2008 minutes with noted changes. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. Hospital Directors' Reports**

Mr. Favret presented the July and August 2008 Disposition of the Abuse/Neglect Investigations Report; Facility Monthly Report and the Formal

and Informal Complaints Report (see the September 18, 2008, LHRC packet).

**\*Follow-up-**

In support of discharge/housing issue, Mr. Bennett drafted a letter of support with guidance from Ms. Mitchell and presented it to the committee for their input.

**Action:** Mr. Bennett will finalize the letter of support and Mr. Favret will forward him the names of individuals that should receive copies of the letter.  
**(Open)**

The committee members present accepted the Hospital Directors' Report for July and August 2008 with noted changes.

**5. ECT Hearing – S.B.**

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**Refer to Executive Session Minutes**

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**7. Christmas Party for the Geriatric Residents**

After a brief discussion the committee decided to follow the same arrangements as last year for Geriatric Christmas Party.

**Action:** Ms. Webster will contact Ms. Leggett to get a list of residents and their gift request by the next scheduled LHRC Meeting.

**8. Announcement(s):**

NA

**9. Adjournment-**

Having no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Bennett and properly seconded by Ms. Rickmond 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, October 16, 2008 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  
Human Rights Advocates

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1. **ECT Hearing – S.B.**

Dr. Tirumalasetti attended the ECT Hearing on behalf of S.B. S.B. has currently gone through 12 series of treatments. The treatment team members have seen improvement (reduction in agitation after first series.) and feel she would benefit from additional ECT Treatments.

Action: There was evidence of: AR's -Consent for Treatment and Second Opinion. The committee accepted the request for 12 additional ECT Treatments. The vote was (6) for (1) abstained.

Members present were concerned with the number of treatments and length of ECT treatments.

2. **ECT Hearing – E.B.**

Dr. Nguyen attended the ECT Hearing on behalf of E.B. ~~E.B.~~ has currently gone through 12 series of treatments. The treatment team members have seen improvement and feel she would benefit from additional ECT Treatments.

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Action: There was evidence of the AR's -Consent for Treatment **not** being in compliance (incomplete). There was evidence of a Second Opinion.

The committee found the Consent for Treatment not to be in compliance with the requirements of the Human Rights Regulations in addition they rejected the request for 12 additional ECT Treatments. The vote was unanimous.

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Steve Bennett, 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)