

**CATAWBA HOSPITAL  
CATAWBA, VIRGINIA**

**MINUTES**

**COMMITTEE NAME:** Local Human Rights Committee

**MEETING DATE:** June 14, 2006                      **MEETING TIME:** 3:00 PM

**PLACE:** Building 24 Conference Room

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Reba Keen, Chairperson; Rena Ferguson; Louise Garman; Carolyn Heldreth; Courtney Hewitt; Millie Rhodes

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dr. Martin Ham; Valarie Robinson; Thayer Walker

**STAFF PRESENT:** Dr. Yad Jabbarpour, Chief of Staff; Linda Cecil, RN, Assistant Chief Nurse Executive; Denise Sexton, RN, Quality Improvement Director; Denise Malone, Psy.D., Psychology Director; Karen Calfee, Executive Secretary (Administrative Support)

**OHR STAFF PRESENT:** Sonia Smith, MSW

**MEETING AGENDA – MAIN POINTS DISCUSSED:**

1. **Review of Minutes:** The minutes from the meeting of April 19, 2006, were approved as distributed.

**Review Date:** No further review

2. **Restraint and Protective Restraint:** Ms. Cecil reviewed the restraint hours for April 2006, indicating 2.77 hours for three total incidents, two of the three incidents incurred by the same patient. In May 2006, restraint hours increased to 11.42 hours, by two patients.

**Review Date:** No further review

3. **Informal Complaints:** The informal complaint report for April to May 2006 indicated a total of five (5) complaints for the two month period; two (2) each on 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor and 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, and one (1) on 5<sup>th</sup> Floor. By category, two (2) were miscellaneous and one (1) each for discharge, treatment with dignity and participation in treatment. All complaints were resolved within the required five day period at the informal level.

**Review Date:** No further review

4. **Director's Liaison Report:** The census report for April and May 2006 was reviewed by Dr. Jabbarpour. Total admissions increased from 26 in April to 33 in May, with discharges higher in May (39) than in April (21). Length of stay decreased for geriatric admissions in May, but increased for adults. Dr. Jabbarpour advised the adult admission unit continues to be at full census and is being managed collaboratively by the census management team.

5. **Director's Report:** In order to protect the privacy of individuals and their records, the Committee entered into closed session to review six (6) allegations of abuse and/or neglect for the period of February 2006 (deferred from the last meeting) to May 2006. Upon returning to open session, each member certified that only the six allegations were reviewed.

**Review of Restrictive Plan #1:** Dr. Malone reviewed the changes made in Restrictive Plan #1; some of changes were made in the plan at the patient's request. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the revised plan as presented. Dr. Malone will provide a followup review of the patient's progress at the next meeting.

**Review Date:** August 16, 2006

6. **Advocate's Report:** Ms. Smith reported there was one formal patient complaint for the period of April 1, 2006 to May 31, 2006, for participation in treatment decision-making. This complaint was received on May 31<sup>st</sup>, and is pending resolution. Ms. Smith distributed copies of the Spring 2006 issue of *Human Writes*, the State Human Rights Committee newsletter. Committee members were encouraged to contribute articles and ideas. Dr. R. Michael Marsh, a past facility director at Catawba Hospital, has been appointed Chair of the State Committee.

**Review Date:** No further review

7. **Membership Report:** Ms. Smith advised of the State Committee's approval for Ms. Millie Rhodes (effective June 9, 2006) and Mr. Ken Rush (effective July 1, 2006) as members of the LHRC. Thayer Walker's membership expires on June 30, 2006.

**Review Date:** No further review

8. **Other Business:** None

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for August 16, 2006, at 3:00 PM, in the Conference Room of Building 24, Catawba Hospital.

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Reba Keene, Chairperson