

Western State Hospital
Staunton, Virginia

Local Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes
Jeffreys Building, Room 95 at 12:30 p.m.
April 24, 2006

Present: Karen Cochran, Ski Washington, Marge Brimmer, Debbie Harris, Flora Haas, Lee Godfrey, Stephen Ryan Committee Members; Mark Seymour, CCCA Advocate; Randy Urgo, Advocate; Susan Frushour, Director's Liaison; Rebecca Currin, VOPA; and Frank Blankenship, guest.
Absent: Chuck Collins, Regional Advocate

Karen Cochran, Chair, called the meeting of the Local Human Rights Committee to order on April 24, 2006. Minutes of the March 27, 2006 meeting were approved with a correction. A quorum was present to conduct business.

Mr. Ryan requested a copy of the email provided to members by VOPA concerning a website on Federal disability-related information and also Joint Commission information.

Ms. Cochran asked about the questionnaire Mr. Urgo had emailed to members concerning an ECT inquiry by Eastern State Hospital. Mr. Urgo distributed copies to those who did not receive them by email.

There was discussion on membership issues. An invitation will be extended for two of the applicants to attend the May meeting.

The VOPA representative gave her report, stating the agency has begun monitoring more closely psychiatric residential treatment facilities.

Mr. Urgo presented the Advocate's Report and members returned to him surveys sheets for the LHRC Seminar and the ESH questionnaire on ECT.

Committee members reviewed paperwork for an ECT which was found to be in order.

Changes were made to the bylaws (sections 2.1, 2.4 and 5.2) to conform to language recommended by the SHRC and the bylaws were approved by the Committee.

The Committee obtained a slate of individuals interested in running for Chair, Vice-Chair and Committee Secretary. Election of officers will be conducted at the June meeting.

Ms. Frushour reviewed the Barriers to Discharge Report and also gave an update on several individuals.

The next meeting will be held on May 22, 2006.

APPROVED:

Margaret Bowman
Secretary, LHRC

Karen Cochran
Chair, LHRC