

Western State Hospital
Staunton, Virginia

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

Present: Karen Cochran, Ski Washington, Debbie Harris, Rev. David Reed, Linda Thumma, Marge Brimmer, Committee Members; Chuck Collins, Regional Advocate; Randy Urgo, WSH Advocate and Mark Seymour, CCCA Advocate; Susan Frushour, Director's Liaison; and Rebecca Currin, VOPA

Debbie Harris, Chair, called the meeting of the Local Human Rights Committee to order on July 24, 2006. It was noted that a quorum of members was present. Minutes for June 26th meeting were reviewed and approved by the Committee. Ms. Frushour will give clarification on the "elopers" facility at the next meeting. The agenda was approved.

A hearing petition for an individual was presented to the Committee by the Advocate with regard to § 60.B.5. Providers shall not prepare or deliver any service for any individual without a services plan that is tailored specifically to the needs and expressed preferences of the individual receiving services, § 70.A.2. Each individual has a right to express his preferences and have them incorporated into the services and discharge plans consistent with his condition and need for services and the provider's ability to provide, and § 70.B.2. Providers shall ask the individual to express his preferences about decisions regarding all aspects of services that affect him and shall honor these preferences to the extent possible. The hearing was conducted in closed session. The Committee returned to open session and made the following recommendations concerning the petition:

- 1) The BMC follow-up now and not wait until September.
- 2) Look at the individual's concern over the Attending and wanting another physician.
- 3) Concern over characterization (language) used by the Attending to describe individual's behavior.

The 6-Month Review of the Treatment Plan for C.C. was reviewed and approved.

The Advocate's report was given.

Rebecca Currin reported on VOPA activities regarding emergency planning and other concerns of VOPA.

The Facility's response on the hearing petition heard at June's meeting was accepted by the Committee with the CSB turning over payeeship to WSH and the individual will receive his full \$50 at the beginning of the month.

Election of officers was conducted with Karen Cochran being elected Vice-Chair and Marge Brimmer, Committee Secretary. A consumer vacancy still needs to be filled.

Ms. Frushour reviewed the Barriers to Discharge Report and will get clarification for the Advocate on five individuals (CSB's working together (2), why delays (2), and rational for sending back to prison (1)).

Nutrition/Dietary Services was invited to the July meeting but requested postponement until August due to scheduling.

The next meeting will be held on August 28, 2006.

APPROVED:

Debbie Harris
Chair, LHRC

Margaret Bowman
Secretary, LHRC