

Western State Hospital
Staunton, Virginia

***Local Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes
Jeffreys Building, Room 95 at 12:30 p.m.
August 28, 2006***

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

Debbie Harris, Chair, called the meeting of the Local Human Rights Committee to order on August 28, 2006. It was noted that a quorum of members was present. Minutes of the July 24th meeting were reviewed with a correction and approved by the Committee.

An individual came before the Committee to express some of her treatment concerns regarding medications, seeing a gastroenterologist, her apartment, etc. She asked about deleting the line on the Release of Information form regarding information possibly being redisclosed by the recipient. If this is possible, she would then sign the form. The Advocate will contact Sharon Johnson of Health Information Management on making the change.

Susan Frushour reported on the "next friend" AR issue, stating her telephone call had not been returned. The Advocate will talk with the patient to have the "next friend" contact Ms. Frushour in order to set up a conference call with the Committee. An attempt will be made to contact the "next friend" again by telephone or by mail, if necessary. This issue will be rescheduled for the September meeting.

Bob Booth, Director of Nutrition, and David Mawyer, CFO, attended the meeting for discussion of the cook/chill method of meal preparation used by the Facility. Mr. Booth distributed information on the advantages/disadvantages of the system, the patient meal satisfaction survey, and the results. The Committee will meet in Nutrition Services next month for a taste test and also ask for information regarding today's cost per patient as compared to pre-cook/chill.

Randy Uργο reviewed the Advocate's report, answering queries from members.

Rebecca Currin reported on VOPA activities regarding discharge issues, primarily with those found Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity.

Ms. Frushour gave clarification on the "elopers" facility mentioned in June's Barriers to Discharge report in the Rappahannock area. Ms. Frushour also reported on the five individuals from July's meeting whom members had questions on.

Ms. Frushour then reported on the Barriers to Discharge Report.

The next meeting will be held on September 25, 2006.

APPROVED:

Margaret Bowman
Secretary, LHRC

Debbie Harris
Chair, LHRC