

Western State Hospital
Staunton, Virginia

***Local Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes
Jeffreys Building, Room 95 at 12:30 p.m.
October 23, 2006***

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

The Local Human Rights Committee toured the Nutrition Services Building and afterward was offered a taste testing of multiple planned menus. Members reconvened at Room 95 in the Jeffreys Building to conduct the remainder of the meeting.

Debbie Harris, Chair, called the meeting of the Local Human Rights Committee to order on October 23, 2006. It was noted that a quorum of members was present. Minutes of the September 25th meeting were reviewed and approved by the Committee.

Steve Johnson, PhD, presented the three-month review of the service plan for an individual. The Committee recommended continuing with the plan at this time as the patient's incidents have decreased this past quarter.

Randy Urgo reviewed the Advocate's report with members.

Rebecca Currin reported VOPA is looking at abuse/neglect and discharge planning issues. Ms. Currin stated VOPA is participating on the Mental Health Law Reform Commission task forces.

Susan Frushour reviewed the report concerning the variance on an individual with regard to signing of seclusion orders by the physician and she also reviewed the variance on PHI. The report will be sent in to the State Human Rights Committee for approval.

Ms. Frushour reported on the Barriers to Discharge Report and updated the Committee on an individual from last month's report who was not granted a release through the Forensic Review Panel. Ms. Frushour will report back on an individual whose wife refuses to respond to the Hospital's attempts to contact her.

The next meeting will be held on December 4, 2006.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

Margaret Bowman
Secretary, LHRC

Debbie Harris
Chair, LHRC