

Western State Hospital
Staunton, Virginia

***Local Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes
Jeffreys Building, Room 95 at 12:30 p.m.
December 11, 2006***

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

Debbie Harris, Chair, called the meeting of the Local Human Rights Committee to order on December 11, 2006. It was noted that a quorum of members was present. Minutes of the October 23rd meeting were reviewed and approved by the Committee.

The Committee heard a hearing petition for a discharged individual with her sister present alleging violation of the following HR regulations:

- 1) §60.C.2. Services. Exceptions and conditions to the provider's duties. With the individual's or legally authorized representative's consent, providers may involve family members in services and discharge planning. When the individual or the legally authorized representative request such involvement, the provider shall take all reasonable steps to do so.
- 2) §60.A. Services. Each individual receiving services shall receive those services according to law and sound therapeutic practice; and
§60.B.4. Providers shall assign a specific person or group of person to carry out each of the following activities:
 - a. Medical, mental and behavioral screenings and assessments, as applicable, upon admission and during the provision of services;
 - b. Preparation, implementation, and appropriate changes in an individual's services plan based on the ongoing review of medical, mental, and behavioral needs of the individual receiving services; and
 - c. Preparation and implementation of an individual's discharge plan.

The hearing was conducted in an open session. After deliberating, the Committee returned to open session, stating violations were found with §60.C.2. & 60.B.4. with the following recommendations concerning the petition:

- 1) A ward policy statement on the importance of involvement of family, CSB, etc., for the discharge planning process & effective timely communication.
- 2) Discharge planners (i.e., social workers) need to be made aware of changes in regulations.
- 3) Documentation to assure this is not reoccurring; needs to be documented in the medical record.

Karen Cochran reported on the review of ECT paperwork for an individual and that it was found to be in order.

The Committee had no questions regarding the Advocate's report.

In the interest of time, Rebecca Currin did not give her VOPA report.

Susan Frushour reported on the Barriers to Discharge Report and updated the Committee on an individual from last month's report, stating contact had been made with his wife.

The next meeting will be held on January 22, 2007.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

Margaret Bowman
Secretary, LHRC

Debbie Harris

Chair, LHRC