

Western State Hospital  
Staunton, Virginia

***Local Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes  
Jeffreys Building, Room 95 at 12:30 p.m.  
February 26, 2007***

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  
Guests: Joe Lynch, SHRC; Zachary DeFore, VOPA  
Absent: Rev. David Reed; Mark Seymour, CCCA Advocate

Debbie Harris, Chair, called the meeting of the Local Human Rights Committee to order on February 26, 2006. It was noted that a quorum of members was present. Minutes of the December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed and approved by the Committee.

Mr. Joe Lynch spoke to the Committee on some human rights issues and asked if there were any issues/questions members would like for him to take back to the SHRC. Several members asked questions regarding ECT, competency, and the NGRI clients' level of freedom.

Dr. Lane Baggett presented the ward rules for MACS for review and these were approved with changes.

Randy Urgo reviewed the Advocate's Report with the Committee and reported on residents using the informal complaint process more.

Rebecca Currin, VOPA representative, reported on VOPA issues.

Dr. Mike Shetty presented the ward rules for Ward C5/6. These were approved with changes.

Susan Frushour presented follow-up on the hearing petition heard December 11, 2006, stating the resident is now requesting discharge to Harrisonburg. Ms. Frushour stated changes have been made addressing the recommendations of the Committee. Ms. Frushour will write a summary paragraph on the CAT recommendations and share with the Committee at the next meeting.

Susan Frushour reported on the Barriers to Discharge.

The next meeting will be held on March 26, 2007.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**APPROVED:**

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Margaret Bowman  
Secretary, LHRC

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Debbie Harris  
Chair, LHRC