

Western State Hospital  
Staunton, Virginia

**Local Human Rights committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Jeffrey Building, Room 95 at 12:30 p.m.**  
**April 23, 2007**

Present: Debbie Harris, Karen Cochran, Ski Washington, Linda Thumma, Marge Brimmer, Rev. David Reed, Randy Urgo, WSH Advocate; Chuck Collins, Regional Advocate; Susan Frushour, Director's Liaison

Absent: Rebecca Currin, VOPA ; Mark Seymour, CCCA Advocate

**General Business:** Debbie Harris, Chair, called the meeting of the Local Human Rights Committee to order on April 23, 2007. It was noted that a quorum of members was present. Minutes of the March meeting were reviewed and approved by the Committee.

Committee requested revising agenda so the first agenda item is Establishment of Quorum.

Follow-up on status of Committee's request for reports from the Director's Office on Informal Complaint resolution. S, Frushour will bring this request to the Director's attention.

Chairperson will consult with committee's secretary to determine status of scheduling information for the next eleven months of meetings.

**Special Presentation:** Chuck Collins presented, Ski Washington with an award recognizing his contribution to the LHRC. This award was supposed to be presented to Mr. Washington by the Governor and Commissioner of Mental Health at the Volunteer Services luncheon held at Stonewall Jackson Hotel last week but Mr. Washington was unable to attend the luncheon.

**Review of the B-1 Ward Rules and Program Description:** presented by R. Willis - Postponed prior to this meeting. May meeting may be rescheduled.

**6-Month Review of CC Service Plan - presented by S. Johnson:** CC continues to be problematic with aggressive tendencies in addition he is selective with which staff members he will relate to. The Hospital continues to strive to improve CC's environment through access to Spanish speaking television channels, magazine and hiring of other Spanish speaking employees. Committee commended the ward staff and the Hospital for their care and efforts to provide for a very difficult to manage patient.

**Western State Hospital's Advocate Report:** Randy Urgo reviewed the Advocate's Report with the Committee and responded to members inquires.

**Director's Liaison Extraordinary Barriers to Discharge Report –** Susan Frushour reported on the Extraordinary Barriers to Discharge and answered inquires by individuals. One question was "What is a DD Waiver? Developmental Disabled" S. Frushour advised she will bring a brief explanation of DD Waiver to the next meeting.

**Committee Membership:** Committee may need to replace two members in June 07. Committee Chair advised she will work with the Committee's secretary regarding advertising for new members.

The May meeting may need to be combined with the June meeting due to the Memorial Day holiday.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

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Linda P. Clark  
Secretary, LHRC

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Debbie Harris  
Chair, LHRC