

Western State Hospital
Staunton, Virginia

***Local Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes
Jeffreys Building, Room 95 at 2:30 p.m.
August 27, 2007***

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

The Reverend David Reed, Vice Chair, called the meeting of the Local Human Rights Committee to order on August 27, 2007. A quorum of members was present. Minutes of the July meeting were reviewed and approved.

Randy Urgo reported on the probability of a lengthy petition for a hearing for C.C. by an attorney at next month's meeting and stated the Committee may want to start the meeting earlier.

Mr. Urgo reported on informal complaints in July of which four (4) went to the Director's level. He reminded members of the upcoming Human Rights Seminar to be held in Richmond. Debbie Harris and Karen Cochran plan to attend. Mr. Urgo then reviewed the Advocate's Report.

Zachary DeVore reported on VOPA having an NGRI case involving discharge planning by the Valley CSB.

Ms. Frushour reported with the informal complaint list there was resolution with all but one complaint. She also reported on an individual, stating the judge wants very secure supervision for this person due to fire setting. Ms. Frushour reviewed the Barriers to Discharge List.

A Petition for a Hearing on behalf of P.S. was conducted pursuant to § 70.A.9., 70.B.12. and 200.A.1. of the Rules and Regulations requesting the Committee to review whether the client's personal consent is required with regard to treatment (particularly with regard to administration of Clozaril) and all other aspects of the client's mental health and medical services. After hearing all parties, the LHRC requested a physician or licensed clinical psychologist, not employed by the provider and at the provider's expense, evaluate the individual and give an opinion about his capacity to consent. The Committee reserved the right to make a decision on PS's request until such time as the report is received. Treatment is to continue until such a report is obtained.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

Margaret Bowman
Secretary, LHRC

Debbie Harris
Chair,