

Western State Hospital
Staunton, Virginia

***Local Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes
Jeffreys Building, Room 95 at 2:30 p.m.
September 24, 2007***

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

Debbie Harris, Chair, called the meeting of the Local Human Rights Committee to order on September 24, 2007. A quorum of members was present. Minutes of the August meeting were reviewed and approved.

Randy Uργο presented the Advocate's Report and reminded members that the hearing on behalf of C.C. will be next month. There was discussion of contraband and safety issues.

Brenda Coleman gave details on training to be conducted for the new regulations on October 19th and stated a DVD is also being put out with the changes.

Ms. Frushour reviewed the Barriers to Discharge List, and answered inquiries from members.

Dr. Steve Johnson, Psychologist, Ward C1/2, presented the ward program description which was approved by the Committee.

The Service Plan for an individual on Ward C1/2 was presented by Dr. Johnson and the Committee commended the progressive changes to the plan.

Dr. Johnson also reported on an individual whose petition was heard at last month's meeting with the recommendation made for an independent psychiatric evaluation. The evaluation was scheduled for today, however, due to the illness of the evaluator, had to be postponed. Mr. Uργο stated he will contact the Medical Director on the issue of the physician being used for the evaluation.

The Committee then reviewed the July and August Department Head minutes.

Dr. Larry Sutker presented a service plan for an individual with regard to using a jumpsuit due to inappropriate sexual behavior. The Committee recommended the plan be presented to the Behavioral Management Committee and that the plan be brought back to the Committee in 60-90 days for a progress report.

The Informal Complaints report was reviewed.

The Committee then decided to start the October meeting at 1 p.m. due to the lengthy petition for hearing that will be presented at that meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

Margaret Bowman
Secretary, LHRC

Debbie Harris
Chair,