

Western State Hospital
Staunton, Virginia

***Local Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes
Jeffreys Building, Room 86/87 at 12:30 p.m.
January 28, 2008***

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

Guests: Jack Barber, WSH Facility Director; Alex Gulotta, Nathan Veldhuis, Legal and Justice Center; Clara Ramos, LAR for client; UVA Law Students, Legal and Justice Center; Steve Johnson, Gerald McKeegan, Robert Argiro, Sue Cook, Carol Glascock, Carol Bady, Allison Bell, Alejandro Rosa, WSH Staff; Isolina Nunez, interpreter.

Absent: The complainant for petition

Debbie Harris, Chair, called the meeting of the Local Human Rights Committee to order on January 28, 2008. The agenda was approved as presented. A quorum of members was present. Minutes of the December meeting were reviewed and approved.

The Committee then heard the petition for hearing presented by Mr. Alex Gulotta and Mr. Nathan Veldhuis of the Legal and Justice Center on behalf of the complainant with regard to alleged rights violations of the following sections of The Rules and Regulations:

1. 12 VAC 35-115-100 – Restrictions on freedoms of everyday life.
2. 12 VAC 35-115-110 – Use of seclusion, restraint, and time out.
3. 12 VAC 35-115- 50 – Dignity.
4. Number of other State and Federal laws.

Due to time constraints, a continuance of the petition was unanimously approved by members for February 22, 2008 to begin at 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

Margaret Bowman
Secretary, LHRC

Debbie Harris
Chair, WSH-LHRC