

Western State Hospital
Staunton, Virginia

Local Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes
Jeffreys Building, Rooms 86/87 at 12:30
June 23, 2008

Present: Debbie Harris, David Reed, Karen Cochran, Ski Washington, Committee Members; Chuck Collins, Regional Advocate; Gail Burford, Director's Liason; Brenda Coleman and Zachary DeVore, VOPA; Mark Seymour, CCCA Advocate

Guest: Dr. Jack Barber, Director; Ishneila Moore, attorney for Western State Hospital; Alex Gulotta, attorney on behalf of Mr. C.C. and family, Dr. Gerald McKeegan, Alejandro Rosa, Jerry Smith, Martha Sparks, Cathy Hill, Office of the Inspector General, and Donna Gum

Absent: Linda Thumma, Committee Member

Debbie Harris, Chair, called the meeting of the Local Human Rights Committee to order on June 23, 2008. A quorum of members was present. The agenda was approved with one change. Minutes from the May 19, 2008 meeting were approved as written.

The election of officers for 2008-2009 was held with David Reed elected as Chair, and Debbie Harris elected as Vice-Chair. The Committee Secretary position will be elected at the next LHRC meeting due to the absence of the current secretary.

Dr. Barber presented a variance request in matter of Mr. C.C. and his Limited Contact Suite. Mr. Gulotta was then afforded time to respond to the director's request. After hearing all voices, the committee deliberated and decided the issue of the variance should be reviewed and decided by the State Human Rights Committee along with appeals from both parties at it's next meeting or as early as possible.

The quarterly treatment plan for Mr. C.C. was reviewed by the committee.

Brenda Coleman from VOPA reported that beginning July 1, 2008 the new Mental Health Guidelines will go into effect.

Debbie Harris announced the reappointment of herself and Ski Washington to the Local Human Rights Committee for another term approved by the State Human Rights Committee. She brought up new membership as this was Karen Cochran's last meeting. Donna Gum was interviewed as a potential member. Her application was approved and will be submitted to the SHRC for approval. The committee has two vacancies one consumer and one non-consumer.

Chuck Collins mentioned the addition of the Internal Forensic Privilege Committee Minutes to be reviewed monthly by the committee. Karen Cochran suggested an abbreviation list be made for clarification.

The Informal Complaints report, Extraordinary Barriers List, and Department Head Minutes were reviewed with no questions or concerns.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

**Shante' M. Ball
Secretary, LHRC**

**David Reed
Chair, WSH-LHRC**