

Western State Hospital
Staunton, Virginia

Local Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes
Jeffreys Building, Room 95 at 12:30 p.m.
December 8, 2008

- Present:** David Reed, Linda Thumma, Donna Gum, Ski Washington, Hal Meyers, Committee Members; Jerry Thomas, Patient Advocate; Chuck Collins, Regional Advocate; Gail Burford, Director's Liaison
- Guests:** Dr. Steve Johnson, Dr. Timothy Jana, C1/2 Treatment Team
Nathan Veldhuis (via telephone), attorney on behalf of Mr. CC
- Absent:** Debbie Harris, Vice-Chair; Brenda Coleman and Zachary DeVore, VOPA

David Reed, Chair called the meeting of the Local Human Rights Committee to order on December 8, 2008. A quorum of members was present. With a motion from Hal Meyers and a second from Linda Thumma, the October and November minutes were approved. The agenda was reviewed and approved with one modification.

Upon a motion made by Hal Meyers and a second by Ski Washington, the Local Human Rights Committee convened in Closed Session pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2-3711(15), for the purpose of discussion or consideration of medical and mental records excluded from the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, namely to hear the 3 month Treatment Plan of Mr. CC and an update given by Mr. Chuck Collins on the December 5 SHRC Meeting.

Additional guests present in the closed session were Drs. Steve Johnson and Timothy Jana from the C1/2 Treatment Team, as well as Mr. Nathan Veldhuis, attorney on behalf of Mr. CC and family listened via telephone.

Upon reconvening in public session, each member of the committee certified that , *only public business matters lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the closed session were discussed in the Closed Session.*

The committee reviewed the C1/2 ward rules. The rules were presented by Drs. Johnson and Jana.

Jerry Thomas presented the Advocate's report of Human Rights Activities for the month of November.

The Complaints, Barriers to Discharge List, and IFPC Minutes were all reviewed by the committee with no questions.

The next meeting will be held on January 26, 2009.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

David Reed
Chair, LHRC

Shante' M. Ball, LHRC Secretary