

Western State Hospital
Staunton, Virginia

*Local Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes
Jeffrey's Building Room 95 at 12:30 p.m.
March 23, 2009*

Present: David Reed, Debbie Harris, Donna Gum, Hal Meyers, Ski Washington, Committee Members; Jerry Thomas, Patient Advocate; Chuck Collins, Regional Advocate; Gail Burford, Director's Liaison

Absent: Linda Thumma, Committee Member; VOPA Representative

Guest: Drs. Steve Johnson and Timothy Jana, C1/2
Buck Kent, Stribling Building

David Reed, Chair, called the meeting of the Local Human Rights Committee to order on March 23, 2009. A quorum of members was present. With a motion from Hal Meyers and a second from Ski Washington, the February minutes were approved. The agenda was reviewed and approved with two additions.

The committee reviewed the treatment plan of Mr. C.C. presented by Drs. Steve Johnson and Timothy Jana from C1/2. Chuck Collins announced after the review that the State Human Rights Committee will be at Western State for their next meeting held on Friday, April 17. The SHRC plans to visit the C unit at the time of their visit.

Gail Burford gave a brief update on the March 6, 2009 SHRC Meeting.

The Advocate's report was presented by Jerry Thomas. He mentioned two patients with whom he was working—one has been discharged; the other is in the process of discharge. Mr. Thomas also reported to the committee on the Legislative Updates from the General Assembly. He noted the website where additional information is available.

The website is: <http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?000+men+SRR>

Patient complaints, Barriers to Discharge List and IFPC Minutes were all reviewed by the committee. Gail commented that 52% of the patients on the list with a rating of 1 or 2 since her last meeting earlier this March have been discharged or are on pass to be discharged.

Mr. Thomas announced that member recruitment is a priority as two members will be leaving at the end of the term in addition to the one vacancy position we already have. Suggestions were made on contact ideas. Updates will be reported at the next meeting on any new possible candidates.

The next LHRC Meeting will be held Monday, April 27, 2009.

David Reed suggested a motion be made to suspend the LHRC Meeting for May. With a motion from Debbie Harris, and a second from Donna Gum, the May meeting has been suspended.

With a motion from Donna Gum, and a second by Debbie Harris, the LHRC Meeting was adjourned. Buck Kent will take all interested members for a tour of the Stribling Building.

APPROVED:

David Reed, Chair

Shante' M. Ball, LHRC Secretary