

Western State Hospital
Staunton, Virginia

Local Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes
Jeffrey's Building, Room 95 at 12:30
January 25, 2010

Present: Donna Gum, Hal Meyers, Ski Washington, Robert Wade, Mahlon Webb, Committee Members; Chuck Collins, Regional Advocate; Zachary DeVore, VOPA, Gail Burford, Director's Liaison

Absent: Stephanie Sault, Committee Member; Mark Seymour, CCCA Advocate

Guests: Drs. Steve Johnson and Timothy Jana, C1/2
Dr. Catherine Leslie, C5/6

Donna Gum, Chair, called the meeting of the Local Human Rights Committee to order on January 25, 2010. A quorum of members was present. With a motion from Hal Meyers and a second from Ski Washington, the minutes from the November meeting were approved as written. The agenda was approved as presented.

Drs. Steve Johnson and Timothy Jana presented the ward rules for C1/2. With a motion from Hal Meyers and a second from Ski Washington, the ward rules were approved with minor edits, and request that a corrected copy is sent to the committee at the next meeting.

Chuck Collins reviewed the Advocate's Report for Human Rights Activities for the month of December. There were only 19 complaint cases for December, all of which were closed. He mentioned that he would like to invite, Mike Coss from the Risk Management Department for Western State at the next meeting to talk about the role he plays in investigation for the patient complaints.

Upon a motion made by Hal Meyers and second by Robert Wade, the committee went into executive session pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711 A.15 and section 2.2-3705.5 for the discussion of medical and mental records excluded from the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, to solely review the required documentation for additional ECT treatments presented by Dr. Catherine Leslie.

Upon reconvening in open session, all members of the Local Human Rights Committee certified that to the best of each ones' knowledge, 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 closed session.

With a motion from Hal Meyers and a second from Mahlon Webb, the ECT documentation presented by Dr. Leslie on P.S. was reviewed and noted as complete for the additional treatments needed.

Zachary DeVore gave the VOPA Report. He expressed the main concerns in their office right now are the state budget cuts and how they will affect the state hospitals and disability services.

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

Donna Gum made announcements for mental health activities happening in the community.

The next meeting will be held on February 22, 2010.

With no further business to discuss and from a motion made by Hal Meyers and second by Mahlon Webb, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

Donna Gum, Chair

Shante' M. Ball, LHRC Secretary