

Western State Hospital
Staunton, Virginia
Local Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes
Jeffrey's Building, Room 95 at 12:30
February 25, 2013

Present: Hal Meyers, Committee Chair, Kathy Belcher, Heidi Campbell, Donna Gum, Mark Schorsch, Rob Wade, Mahlon Webb, Committee Members; Chuck Collins, WSH/Regional Advocate, Mark Seymour, WSH Advocate; Dana Traynham, VOPA Advocate; Ellen Harrison Liaison to WSH Director

Absent:

Guests: Mr. RS, Client; Mr. MW, Client; Tiffany Hewitt, Citizen's Council

Mr. Meyers, Committee Chair, called the Local Human Rights Committee to order on February 25, 2013. Mr. Meyers noted that a quorum of members was present. Mr. Wade made a motion to review the minutes from the February meetings during the March meeting due to the committee not receiving the packets in a timely manner. Ms. Belcher seconded, and motion passed by vote.

There were no comments made during the opportunity for public comments.

In preparation for the hearing requested by Mr. MW, Mr. Meyers asked Mr. W if he would like the hearing to be in open session, open to the general public, or closed session, with only the interested parties and witness in attendance. Mr. W elected a closed session.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Gum, the committee went into closed session pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711, a.15 and §2.2-37.05.5 for the purpose of discussion of medical record / treatment plans.

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.

Mr. Meyers asked the committee to decide by vote to adjourn the meeting at this time and accept the reports by title. By unanimous vote, the committee adjourned the meeting.

The next meeting will be held March 25, 2013, at 12:30 p.m.

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

APPROVED:

Hal Meyers, Chair

Glenda D. Sheffer, LHRC Secretary