

Western State Hospital
Staunton, Virginia
Local Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes
Jeffrey's Building, Room 95 at 12:30
February 11, 2013

Present: Hal Meyers, Committee Chair, Heidi Campbell, Donna Gum, Rob Wade, Committee Members; Chuck Collins, WSH/Regional Advocate; Ellen Harrison Liaison to WSH Director

Absent: Kathy Belcher, Mark Schorsch, Mahlon Webb, Committee Members

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

Mr. Meyers, Committee Chair, called the emergency session of the Local Human Rights Committee to order on February 11, 2013. Mr. Meyers noted that a quorum of members was present. He then explained that the purpose of this meeting was to review and consider a treatment plan for patient EB, a resident on Ward A5, which includes the use of restraints. Drs. Stout and Nichols were in attendance to present the treatment plan to the committee and answer questions.

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.

Ms. Gum made a motion to approved the proposed treatment plan. Ms. Campbell seconded the motion and the plan was approved by vote.

Mr. Meyers noted the importance of ensuring that when the LHRC is reviewing treatment plans, a representative for the patient, such as their advocate or Authorized Representative, be in attendance if the patient is unable to attend or their attendance during this discussion would be detrimental to their treatment.

The next meeting will be held February 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