

Western State Hospital
Staunton, Virginia
Local Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes – Called Meeting
Hospital Command Center, Room A2066
November 16, 2015

- Present:** Heidi Campbell, Committee Chair, Kathy Belcher, Vice Chair, Karen Cochran, Secretary, Teri Sumey and Cheryl Talley, committee members; Mark Seymour, Regional Advocate; Becky Shaw, Liaison to WSH Director; Glenda Sheffer, WSH Administrative Support
- Absent:** John Beghtol, Ski Washington, committee members; Erin Haw, dLCV Advocate
- Guests:** Drs. Ann Walling and Lee Ann Bass, from 1 Hickory, and Drs. Justin Smith and Mary Kate Law, from 2 Hickory

The Local Human Rights Committee was called to order on November 16, 2015 by Ms. Campbell, Committee Chair. A quorum of members was present. This meeting was called at the request of Dr. Justin Smith to review a step-down treatment plan. Dr. Ann Walling had also requested that the committee review ECT documentation.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Belcher, the committee entered 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.

Dr. Ann Walling and Dr. Lee Ann Bass presented the ECT documentation for Ms. RL. Ms. Campbell noted that the signatures for Ms. L's Authorized Representative (AR) and for the doctor providing the second opinion were not on the document. Dr. Walling indicated that the second doctor was to review the case the next day and the AR, the patient's mother, was due to sign the document Friday, the 20th. In light of the need to begin this treatment as soon as possible following receipt of the AR's signature, the committee agreed to tentatively approve the documentation with the provision that the completed documentation be presented at the next regular scheduled meeting.

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.

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Dr. Justin Smith and Dr. Mary Kate Law requested approval for a step-down treatment plan for Mr. SM. The committee approved the plan, requesting a review of the plan at the next regular scheduled meeting and then at three month intervals.

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The next meeting will be held December 7, 2015 (combining November and December meetings due to holiday schedules), at 12:30 p.m. in Room A1085 of the Staff Development Offices.

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

APPROVED:

Heidi Campbell
Chair

Glenda D. Sheffer
WSH Administrative Support