

Western State Hospital  
Staunton, Virginia  
*Local Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes*  
*Webb Learning Center, Room B1031 at 9:00AM*  
*September 26, 2016*

- Present:** Heidi Campbell, Committee Chair, Kathy Belcher, Vice Chair; Karen Cochran, Secretary; John Beghtol, Tina Stelling, committee members; Maynard Ritchie, OHR Advocate; Gail Burford, Liaison to WSH Director; Glenda Sheffer, WSH Administrative Support
- Absent:** Teri Sumey and Cheryl Talley, committee members; Erin Haw, dLCV Advocate
- Guests:** Mr. Patrick Robertson, Risk Manager, Mr. Bob Booth, Director of Nutrition Services and Materials Management, Dr. Catherine Leslie from 1 Oak, Mr. Russell Strange, community member

The Local Human Rights Committee was called to order on September 26, 2016, by Ms. Campbell, Committee Chair. A quorum of members was present. The minutes from the August 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting were reviewed. Ms. Cochran made a motion to accept the minutes with changes. Mr. Beghtol seconded the motion and the committee accepted the minutes by vote. The agenda was approved with changes by a motion from Ms. Belcher, a second from Ms. Stelling and vote of the committee.

During the Public Comment time, Mr. Russell Strange addressed the committee regarding concerns regarding CSBs in other states. He feels they do not have the same level of service he has found in Virginia. He would like to move but feels he cannot due to the limited services available. Mr. Beghtol suggested he contact NAMI as they may be able to advise him about CSBs in other states.

Mr. Patrick Robertson, WSH Risk Manager, and Mr. Bob Booth, WSH Director of Nutrition Services and Materials Management, presented the final draft of the Personal Hygiene Product Hospital Instruction (HI) to the committee. The development of this HI began in the Safety Committee due to the large variety of personal hygiene products being used and the safety concerns this created.

Upon review, the LHRC noted several questions and made recommendations. Exceptions to the policy can be made by a doctor's order. Other exceptions may be made based on ethnic or cultural needs. Ms. Belcher recommended that the process for requesting exceptions be documented in the HI. Mr. Robertson indicated that he will convey the committee's comments to the Safety Committee for their consideration. Any subsequent changes to the HI will be brought back to the LHRC for review.

Mrs. Ashlye Schwartz and Mrs. Sami Schwartz were not available for the committee to conduct membership interviews. Ms. Sheffer will contact them again by email to determine if they are still interested in membership, and if so, offer them the opportunity to attend the October meeting.

**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.**

The treatment plan review for Ms. MB was postponed to the October LHRC meeting.

Dr. Leslie presented the plan for Mr. BP. The plan was approved for another three months.

**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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Mr. Ritchie presented the Advocate's Report. He noted that many patient issues are being resolved at the lowest possible level through his collaboration with Ms. Shannon Conner, WSH Patient Relations Coordinator.

The Patients Complaint Report for August will be presented at the October meeting along with the September report.

The Extraordinary Barriers List was reviewed. It was noted that while the number of clients on the list has increased from last month that there are very few who have been on the list long-term. Mr. Beghtol made comment on the effects the "Deeds Legislation" has had on the admission rate and census at WSH. He will soon be joining the Advisory Committee, who will be working toward increasing DAP funding as a possible solution for the increased census.

Community Connections comments included the following:

Mr. Beghtol presented information regarding upcoming current NAMI events and plans:

- Members of NAMI met with Delegate Steve Landes and Delegate Dickie Bell, who support the proposed Crisis Stabilization, Detox, and Diversion facilities. Funding for these projects will be proposed in January for the 2017 General Assembly session. Individuals to provide endorsements and testimony will be needed at that time.
- Mr. Beghtol will be briefing the Advisory Committee on this proposal on November 16<sup>th</sup> and hopes they will also provide an endorsement.
- On October 8<sup>th</sup> NAMI will support the Foundation for Suicide Prevention, with their annual walk. NAMI will have a table set up and will have t-shirts for sale.

Ms. Cochran updated the committee on VASI events and actions:

- VASI is in the process of creating a new logo and are seeking suggestions.
- The "Packing the Streets" in downtown Staunton was a great success.

Ms. Campbell noted that Ms. Stelling did an excellent job as a guest speaker at the recent CIT session. The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) is a national program that provides information and education to various levels of law enforcement. Consumers share their personal stories including the raw details and their symptoms.

The next meeting will be held October 24, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. in Room B1031 of the Webb Learning Center. Committee members will gather in the lobby to be escorted to the meeting location.

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

**APPROVED:**

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Heidi Campbell  
Chair

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Glenda D. Sheffer  
WSH Administrative Support