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LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MINUTES  
EASTERN STATE HOSPITAL  
4601 Ironbound Road  
Williamsburg, VA 23187-8791

**January 15, 2009**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steven Bennett, Chair; Emma Rhyne, Co-Chair; Robin Bristow; John McMahon; Jajala Schweiger; Joyce Smith ;Jason Mintel; Mary Ellen Rickmond and Doris Foreman

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: John Favret, Hospital Director; Willie Barnes, Human Rights Advocate; Lisa Webster, LHRC Liaison Support and Mark Stevens, Disability Rights Advocate, VOPA,

**1. Call to Order**

The Local Human Rights Committee meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. with Steven Bennett, Chair presiding, for the purpose of hearing business as presented on the agenda and such other transactions or matters that may be presented to the Committee.

**2. Agenda**

The January 15, 2009 Agenda was reviewed.

Action: Motion was made by Ms. Schweiger and properly seconded by Ms. Bristow that the LHRC approve the January 15, 2009 Agenda as written. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. Minutes**

Minutes of the November 20, 2008 LHRC meeting were reviewed.

Action: Motion was made by Ms. Bristow and properly seconded by Ms. Schweiger I that the LHRC approve the November 20, 2008 minutes with noted changes. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. Hospital Directors' Reports**

Mr. Favret presented the November and December 2008 Disposition of the Abuse/Neglect Investigations Report; Facility Monthly Report and the Formal and Informal Complaints Report (see the January 15, 2009, LHRC packet).

The committee members present accepted the Hospital Directors' Report for November and December 2008 with noted changes.

## **Follow-up-**

### **Barriers for Discharge**

Ms. Barnes will look into getting the information for the committee regarding the Barriers for Discharge and the Progress the CSB is making. **Defer until February 2009 meeting.**

### **Seclusion/Restraint Report**

Mr. Favret announced that the Seclusion/Restraint Report will be continued once the program is working properly.

### **8. Christmas Party for the Geriatric Residents**

Mr. Bennett thanked everyone for attending the party. Ms. Rhyne suggested that next year, we will provide sugar free snacks such as ice cream, pudding, or cupcakes.

### **9. Announcement(s):**

Mark Stevens, Disability Rights Advocate, announced that VOPA has been advocating for C.S., a resident at ESH who has been on the Discharge Ready List since July 2007. Mr. Stevens is requesting an extension of time for filing a petition on the resident's behalf for an LHRC hearing until January 23, 2009.

Action: A motion was made by Ms. Bristol and properly seconded by Ms. Schweiger, to honor Mr. Stevens request for an extension of time for filing a petition for an LHRC, hearing until January 23, 2009. The vote was unanimous.

### **ESH LHRC Bylaws – Subcommittee**

Ms. Barnes, HRA recommended that the committee add the language to the bylaws to include subcommittee decisions. There was discussion as to whether this language was already in the bylaws.

Action: A motion was made by Ms. Schweiger and properly seconded By Mr. Bennett to include the language as written on page 46 – #12 in the Blue Book. The members voted to add the subcommittee decision language just in case it was not already in the ESH LHRC Bylaws. The vote was unanimous.

**10. Adjournment-**

Having no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Bristow and properly seconded by Mr. McMahon that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. **The next scheduled meeting will be held Thursday, February 19, 2009 in Building #33- Room 106 at 10:30 a.m.**

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Steven Bennett, Chair

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cc: LHRC Members  
Hospital Director  
Patient Safety Officer/Complaint Liaison  
Region V Human Rights Director