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

**March 17, 2011**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jajala Schweiger, Chair; Charles Loundermon; John McMahon; Robin Bristow; Steven Bennett, Co-Chair; Ti'juana Gholson; Jason Mintel; Joyce Smith and Alice Callahan.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Dick Roberts, Resident Relations Liaison; Stewart Prost, Human Rights Advocate; Walter Small, Human Rights Advocate; Chris Bowman, LNHA, HGTC and Lisa Webster, LHRC Facility Liaison-Support

**1. Call to Order**

The Local Human Rights Committee meeting was called to order at 10:31 a.m. with Jajala Schweiger, 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 March 17, 2011 agenda was reviewed.

Action: Motion was made by Mr. Loundermon and properly seconded by Mr. McMahon to approve the ESH LHRC Agenda for March 17, 2011. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. Minutes**

The February 17, 2011 Minutes of the LHRC meeting were reviewed.

Action: Motion was made by Ms. Callahan and properly seconded by Ms. Smith that the LHRC approve the February 17, 2011 Minutes with noted changes. All were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. Eastern State Hospital Reports**

Dick Roberts, Resident Relations Liaison presented the Disposition of the Abuse/Neglect Investigations Reports and the Facility Monthly Reports. He also presented the Formal and Informal Complaints Report for February 2011. (See the March 2011, LHRC packets).

**Hancock Geriatric Treatment Center (HGTC) Certification**

Mr. Roberts introduced Mr. Chris Bowman, LNHA from Hancock Geriatric Treatment Center. Mr. Bowman announced that the hospital has received notification of HGTC's CMS Certification. Notification was received from The Virginia Department of Health (CMS) that the hospital's plan of correction was accepted and their recommended effective date of certification to CMS is 3/14/2011.

*The Eastern State Hospital's Report for February 2011 was accepted by committee members present.*

5. **Follow-up**

**Election of Secretary to the LHRC**

Ms. Smith did not accept the nominations of Secretary to the ESH LHRC due to her professional schedule.

A motion was made Ms. Bristow and properly seconded by Mr. McMahon no nominated Mr. Loundermon as Secretary to the ESHLHRC. All were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Action: Mr. Loundermon accepted the position as Secretary to the ESH LHRC.

6. **Absenteeism**

All member of the committee were present at this meeting.

7. **Next-Friend Training**

Stewart Prost, HRA provided the committee with Next-Friend Training

8. Authorized Representative (AR) Next- Friend Hearing

The motion was made by Ms. Gholson and properly seconded by Ms. Bristow and passed for the LHRC to go into executive session pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2-3711(A) 4 for the protection of the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business, namely for the purpose of hearing of authorized representatives, hearing of behavior modifications and/or conducting a hearing pursuant to the regulations. **Refer to Executive Session Minutes.**

Motion was made by Ms. Gholson and properly seconded by Mr. McMahon and passed that we go into open session. The LHRC unanimously certified that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only private business matters lawfully exempted from statutory open meeting requirements and only private business matters identified in the motion to convene the executive session were discussed in the executive session.

Alice Callahan	So certify
Robin Bristow	So certify
Charles Loundermon	So certify
Jason Mintel	So certify
Joyce Smith	So certify
Ti'juana Gholson	So certify
Steve Bennett	So certify
Jajala Schweiger	So certify
John McMahon	So certify

9. **Advocate Report**

Training on how a complaint is handled was deferred until the April 21, 2011 Meeting.

9. **Open Forum**

Mr. Roberts noted that ESH would continue to provide the space for meetings and provide clerical support throughout out this year. The affiliates will rotate duties on a yearly basis and will assume the responsibility of clerical support after January 2012.

10. **Announcement(s):**

NA

11. **Adjournment**

Having no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Smith and properly seconded by Mr. Bennett that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m. **The next scheduled meeting will be held Thursday, April 21, 2011 in Building #2 - Conference Room 1201.**

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Jajala Schweiger, Chair

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cc: LHRC Members  
Hospital Director  
Human Rights Advocates  
Patient Relations Liaison/Patient Safety Coordinator

Local Human Rights Committee  
Executive Session

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A motion was made by Mr. Bennett and properly seconded by Ms. Callahan to waive the personal appearance of the next-friend and allow a conference call to the next-friend; in lieu of a personal appearance. The committee voted (7) for and (2) nay (Ms. Smith and Mr. Loundermon).

1. The following members of Ms. C.C.'s treatment team were present for the AR (Next-Friend Hearing): Dr. Patel, Attending Physician; Dr. Miller, Psychologist and Ms. Price-Ali, Social Worker.

Action: Several attempts were made to call the next-friend for Ms. C.C. via phone. The committee voted to reschedule the hearing for next-friend for April 21, 2011. During the interim the hospital agreed to petition the court for this situation.

The social worker will contact the next-friend to assure her availability on the date mentioned above.

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Jajala Schweiger, Chair

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cc: LHRC MEMBERS

Mr. Daye

Advocate

Hospital Director

Attachments:

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