

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

*February 21 2008*

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Loundermon, Chair; Emma Rhyne, Co-Chair; Steven Bennett; Robin Bristow; Rich Adams and Jajala Schweiger

MEMBERS ABSENT: John McMahon; Timm Eberly and Doris Foreman

STAFF PRESENT: Gianna Mitchell, Human Rights Advocate; Dennis Murray for John Favret, Hospital Director and Lisa Webster, LHRC Liaison Support, Mark Stevens, Disability Rights Advocate -VOPA Representative and Mary Aab. VOPA

**1. Call to Order**

The Local Human Rights Committee meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. with Charles Loundermon, 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 February 21, 2008 Agenda was reviewed.

Ms. Action: Motion was made by Ms. Bristow and properly seconded by Ms. Schweiger that the LHRC approve the February 21, 2008 Agenda as written. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. Minutes**

Minutes of January 17, 2008 LHRC meeting were reviewed.

Ms. Action: Motion was made by Ms. Bristow and properly seconded by Ms. Schweiger that the LHRC approve the January 17, 2008 minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. Hospital Directors' Reports**

Dennis Murray presented the January 2008 Disposition of the Abuse/Neglect Investigations Report with noted changes; Facility Monthly Report and the

Formal and Informal Complaints Report (see the February 21, 2008, LHRC packet).

Mr. Murray stated that abuse cases will be out briefed before they are sent to Central Office. Therefore this may add a few more days to the process.

Action: The committee members present accepted the Hospital Directors' Report for January 2008.

#### **8. Training -**

Ms. Mitchell presented the committee with a brief training on:

LHRC's Role/ Responsibilities Ms. Mitchell presented handouts and reviewed changes to Special Procedures for LHRC Review.

Action: The Training was well received by committee members present.

Ms. Mitchell also informed the committee that providers are required to give detailed information on all substantiated abuse cases. Ms. Mitchell will meet with Mr. Favret on how this information will be presented.

The committee was asked to here an emergency Behavior Plan. Ms. Mitchell reported that the Treatment Team decided to go another route with the Behavioral Plan. Mr. Loundemon thanked Mr. Bennett, Mr. McMahan and Ms. Foreman for acting on the committee's behalf as a sub-committee.

#### **9. Attendance Letter/ Consumer Position -**

Last month the committee voted on the recommendation to defer the decision to recommend removal of the consumer to the SHRC until the February 21, 2008 meeting.

Action: A letter was sent to the consumer member regarding the absences and attending regular scheduled meetings. Since the member was not able to attend regular scheduled meetings and has, missed (8) meetings, the members voted to draft a letter and send it to the SHRC recommending the members removal from the committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Adams and properly seconded by Ms. Bristow to accept the letter to recommend the consumers removal from the ESH LHRC. All were in favor.

Ms. Mitchell reported that she received an application for membership but it was not for a consumer position. She will contact the Director of PSR to see if she has any recommendations from PSR Program that maybe interested in becoming a member of the ESH LHRC.

**10. Tour of New Facility** – Tour is scheduled today at 12:00 noon.

**11. Announcement(s)**

Ms. Mitchell announced that another Human Rights Seminar is being planned. She will have more information after attending the quarterly advocate meeting in April.

**12. Adjournment-**

Having no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Rhyne properly seconded by Ms. Bristow that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m. **The next scheduled meeting will be held Thursday, March 20, 2008 in Building #33 at 10:30 a.m.**

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**Charles Loundermon, Chair**

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