

Western State Hospital
Webb Learning Center Room B1031
103 Valley Center Drive, Staunton, VA 24401
May 22, 2017
Approved Minutes

PRESENT: Heidi Campbell Chair, Kathy Belcher Vice-Chair, Kristina Stelling, David Paulk, & John Beghtol members; Maynard Ritchie and Artea Ambrose, OHR Advocates; Jenny Dick-Mosher, dLCV Advocate; Gail Burford, Liaison to WSH Director; Glenda Sheffer, WSH Administrative Support

ABSENT: Karen Cochran member

CALL TO ORDER

Heidi Campbell called meeting to order at 9:00 am. Welcome committee members.

MINUTES

A motion to approve the April 24th Minutes was made by Heidi Campbell and seconded by Tina Stelling.

AGENDA ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS

Discussion:

- Glenda Shaffer requested to continue to record the meeting minutes as an aid to the advocate. The committee members had no objections.
- Glenda Shaffer stated there is a new form that will need to be filled out for agenda items to be added and sent directly to the human rights advocate.
- Members discussed the need for a June 12th emergency meeting.
- John Beghtol continued last meeting discussion on receiving the extraordinary barrier discharge list. Gail Buford provided the list. Once again, Ms. Artea Ambrose, OHR Advocate, advised the committee that this was not in the purview of the LHRC because of the revisions to the Rules and Regulations which took effect on Feb. 9, 2017. The LHRCs role and responsibilities have changed and the upcoming LHRC regional training will provide knowledge of these changes.
- Committee discussed steps to put in place to recruit new members to replace the members whose 2nd terms are expiring and will be leaving the committee in June.

CLOSED (EXECUTIVE) SESSION - Upon a motion made by (member's name), 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 for four patients. Restricted phone plans were presented by Dr. Bass for four patients, all treatment plans were approved by the LHRC.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - 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.

Vote on New Officers:

- John Beghtol nominated Tina Stelling for Chair, committee voted to approve.
- Tina Stelling nominated John Beghtol as Vice-Chair, committee voted to approve.

ADVOCATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Announcement of the dates for the LHRC Regional training by the Office of Human Rights is still pending.
- Announcement of the new LHRC Bylaws being developed by the SHRC and upon completion will be presented to the LHRCs.

NEXT MEETING - June 26, 2017 at 9:00 am

MEETING ADJOURNED – Motion made to ADJOURN.
Meeting adjourned at 11:20 am.

These Minutes were transcribed by Maynard Ritchie, DBHDS Human Rights Advocate.