Western State Hospital Staunton, Virginia

Local Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes Jeffreys Building, Room 95 at 12:30 p.m. March 26, 2007

 Present: Debbie Harris, Karen Cochran, Ski Washington, Linda Thumma, and Marge Brimmer, Rev. David Reed; Committee Members; Randy Urgo, WSH Advocate; Chuck Collins, Regional Advocate; Susan Frushour, Director's Liaison
Absent: Rebecca Currin, VOPA; Mark Seymour, CCCA Advocate

Debbie Harris, Chair, called the meeting of the Local Human Rights Committee to order on March 26, 2006. It was noted that a quorum of members was present. Minutes of the February meeting were reviewed and approved by the Committee.

Randy Urgo reviewed the Advocate's Report with the Committee, answering member inquiries on some of the individual complaints. Mr. Urgo asked Committee members what kind of feedback, reports, information, etc., they would like to get from the Facility. Mr. Urgo brought up having someone attend the meetings to report on the informal complaints (what they were, how they were resolved, etc.).

Chuck Collins suggested two things: 1) a report on cases resolved informally that the Committee does not know about and 2) have the Facility give an update on the state of the provider (WSH). The Committee decided the Department Head minutes should be added to the LHRC packet. Another suggestion Mr. Collins made regarded oversight by the Committee of the different treatment programs at WSH (wards monthly, Rehab Services, Medical Services, Volunteer Services, Forensic program, PI/JCAHO, etc.). The Chair and the Liaison's Secretary will develop a schedule of attendance to meetings.

The Committee received the written summary paragraph on CAT recommendations regarding the petition for S.A. that Ms. Frushour reviewed verbally at last month's meeting.

Susan Frushour reported on the Barriers to Discharge and answered Committee inquiries on individuals.

The next meeting will be held on April 23, 2007.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

Margaret Bowman Secretary, LHRC

Debbie Harris Chair, LHRC