LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING

July 26\textsuperscript{th}, 2013
McKim Room 2142, University of Virginia Health System
12:00pm – 3:00pm

Members:  
Judith Minter – Chair  
Beth Gager – Vice Chair  
Wendie Price – Secretary  
Christine Duguet  
Reed Banks

Regional Advocate: Chuck Collins

UVA Representatives: Brenda Barrett, RN  
Lynne Fleming – Legal Counsel  
Scott Croonquist, Ex Officio

Guest: Colin Banton, AS

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<td>Meeting called to order</td>
<td>Judith Minter, Vice chair, called the meeting to order at 12:40</td>
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<td>Meeting Minutes</td>
<td>The minutes of the Local Human Rights Committee held on April 19, 2013, were reviewed and approved as amended.</td>
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PUBLIC COMMENT

Brenda Barrett introduced Carol Burrage, RN on 5 East who will be sharing the quarterly reports in Brenda’s absence. When required. They will share this responsibility in order that one will always be present.

Chuck Collins spoke on the Mental Health and Wellness Coalition in Charlottesville. He said that the Bridge Program, a member of the Coalition, arranges for patients discharged from the hospital to be seen before their first outpatient appointment. CITT is crisis intervention training, and the group Mental Health America provides a first step for mental health patients by providing referrals to appropriate agencies. Beth Gager said that UVA has been approached to join the Collation, but does not know that status of that request. The Coalition is funded by a private foundation.

ADVOCATE REPORT

1. DOJ
   - VA is now 1 year into compliance of the consent agreement
   - The commonwealth made the decision to close training center; this was not required as part of the consent agreement
   - This time next year the center in Petersburg is due to be closed. There are now ~100 residents; there were ~200 residents
   - Advocates make pre-placement visits to ensure clients will get needed services

2. HR regulations
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| • Regulations are currently being revised; this is taking longer than anticipated  
  • Current regs are in effect until new ones are adopted  
  • Changes are primarily in the dispute resolution process and are more user friendly, quick and effective  
  • Will also emphasize training for clients and providers  
  • There will be a public comment period after they are written and before adoption | |
| 3. WSH | • Opening date is changed to October 29, 2013 due to construction delays  
  • There will be a 249 patient rooms | |
| 4. CHRIS (Comprehensive Human Rights Information System) | • Also part of the DOJ agreement  
  • 1 single data base for the entire commonwealth  
  • Brenda has used it once | |

## DIRECTORS REPORT

1. Quarterly Report
   - There were 4 allegations this past quarter, 3 physical and 1 sexual and 1 complaint case that has been closed  
   - The committee agreed that the report contains just the right amount of information

2. Other
   - Brenda Barrett reported that conditions have been improving on 5E. This past quarter there has been no use of restraints or the isolation room. The unit is also getting more support from the sitter pool  
   - The outpatient psychiatric department has been administratively moved to the outpatient clinics umbrella  
   - Chuck Collins reports that 5E is the only unit licensed by the DBGS and the only unit we oversee. Outpatient and the Emergency Department are not licensed

## NEW Items

### Elections
Judith Minter announced she is resigning from the LHRC effective immediately. The committee thanked her for her years of service and leadership

- On motion, the Committee elected Beth Gager to the position of Chair for the term beginning July 26, 2013
- On motion, the Committee elected Christine Duguet as Vice Chair for the term beginning July 26, 2013.
- On motion, the Committee elected Wendie Price as Secretary for the term beginning July
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<td>Resolved, that the Committee approves the election of officers.</td>
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Next meeting will be held on Friday, October 25, 2013 place to be announced at later date.