LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING

January 25, 2012
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
Regional Advocate: **Chuck Collins**

UVA Representatives: **Brenda Barrett** – Interim Director **Lynne Fleming** – Legal Counsel Scott Croonquist, Ex Officio
Bankole Johnson, Ex Officio

Guests: Reed Banks, nominee for membership, Dr. Zack Dameron MD, Psychiatry, Tracey Elder, SW Psychiatry

Colin Banton, AS Names in Bold represents those present

Topic	Discussion/Conclusion	Action/ Recommendations
Meeting called to order	Ms Minter called the meeting to order at 12:30.	
Meeting Minutes	The Minutes of the Local Human Rights Committee Meeting held on October 19, 2012, were reviewed and approved, as amended.	
ADVOCATE'S REPORT	-Several bills are now before the General Assembly to postpone or prevent the closure of the four training centers. The department (DBHDS) is moving forward with its plan to discharge individuals from the training centers pursuant to the DOJ agreement. The first training center scheduled to close is Southside Virginia Training Center (SVTC) located in Petersburg, VA. -The process to revise the human rights regulations has just begun and should take one year to complete. There will be regional meetings to allow public input into the process. Mr. Collins will keep this committee posted as to when those meetings will occur. -New candidate member nominated by Ms. Duguet will be introduced and interviewed at the end of today's meeting; Mr. Reed Banks -New database, Comprehensive Human Right Information System(CHRIS) going live on March 1st, data entry for Abuse, Neglect, Serious Injury and Death to be reported (web: DBHDS.virginia.gov-Delta Portal-CHRIS). -Western State Hospital is on track to open on September 13 of this year. Contact John Bechtel if interested to tour new facility. Will remain with 246 beds, all single rooms. -Announced START, a community response team formed as part of the DOJ/VA agreement. It is for ID Clients with Mental Health issues having a behavioral emergency. It serves Region I, comprised of eight community service boards. The START team will go to the location of the emergency. There is also a 6 bed home at what used to be the Dickerson House. There are 3 respite and 3 emergency beds. They will admit only clients who have a place to which they can return	
DIRECTOR'S REPORT	-Penny Horner has resigned from UVA, Brenda Barrett will be filling in as the interim manager until the position is filled. -Quarterly report reviewed and discussed by committee.	-2011 and2012 Annual reports will be attached with minutes.
Difficult Discharges	-Ms. Elder reported on 3 cases with long hospitalizations due to placement issues.	

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Emergency Room Discharges	-Dr. Dameron and Ms. Fleming announced that Psychiatry is only consulted with the ER and can only recommend treatment for patients seen there. The ER physicians are responsible for those that are discharged to shelters etc. Dr. Dameron suggested that shelter directors contact the Hospital Patient Representative to discuss the issue of ER discharge to homeless shelters. Ms. Fleming said it was impossible to determine legal responsibility without specific conditions. -Dr. Dameron has suggested a new criteria policy for Inpatient Psychiatry discharges and is still waiting approval.	Ms. Price will contact the shelter managers who have spoken with her about this subject and make this suggestion.
Public Comment	-Dr. Dameron asked if the number of complaints were up, region wide. Mr. Collins stated that complaints are lower than expected. -Ms. Minter announced that Ms. Gager had recently published an article in the local paper. It is the Vital Signs column in the Lifestyles section of the Daily Progress, January 20'13. -Mr. Reed Banks introduced and interviewed for the open position on the committee. Mr. Banks is a long time resident of Charlottesville, retired from Region 10, where he worked in psychiatric illness and rehab. Committee members voted all in favor for appointment. If approved by the State Commission at their next meeting, this will give our LHRC five members: 2 consumer's representatives, 1 professional and 1 community representative. There is however, overlap among all of these designations.	Mr. Collins will present Mr. Banks at the next State Commission meeting.

Next meeting will be held on Friday, April 19, 2013 place to be announced at later date.