LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING

April 19, 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
Bankole Johnson, Ex Officio

Guest: **Colin Banton, AS**

Names in Bold represent those present

Topic	Discussion/Conclusion	Action/ Recommendations
Meeting called to order	Beth Gager, Vice chair, call the meeting to order at 12:40	
Meeting Minutes	The minutes of the Local Human Rights Committee held on January 25, 2013, were reviewed and approved as amended.	
ADVOCATE'S REPORT	I. New Western State Hospital project on track and will open as scheduled in September. a. Each patient will have a private room and bathroom. b. The campus is much smaller and there will not be as much opportunity for patients to walk around as before. c. Emphasis will be on recovery and a return to the community. d. Discharge guidelines for WSH: the patient must be stable and compliant with the treatment plan, must have a residence to return to, and ongoing outpatient care to maintain wellness. II. Survey sent to members recently, must be completed and returned as soon as possible. a. A consultant group from ODU is conducting the survey. b. The intention is to update the Human Rights Regulations and the specific target is the dispute resolution process. III. CHRIS (Comprehensive Human Rights Information System), new data base system for consumers to enter LHRC complaints and serious injuries. a. This database has been used ~ 15 years by VA Commonwealth facilities and will now be used to track the well-being of clients in all facilities. b. There are 3 phases for training: 1) March: staff operating system, Group Housing will begin	

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	training. 2) Mental Health Services providers, 3) private and public providers. c. There is a training session scheduled for May 3rd at the WSH Jeffries Building. d. CHRIS will replace other means of reporting. IV. The DOJ is still supervising closing training facilities.	
DIRECTOR'S REPORT	Group reviewed and discussed quarterly report. There were no actionable items.	
Public Comment	I. Beth Gager spoke about the Mental Health and Wellness Coalition in Charlottesville. a. This group of agencies covering Region 10 is addressing the overlap of services and affecting a positive shift in cooperation, making it easier for clients to get services. b. Beth said the Coalition would benefit from participation from UVA Mental Health Services. c. Membership includes: Free Clinic ASG OAR Public Defenders CIT Mental Health America Others d. The coalition projects have been getting funding. II. Wellness Recovery Program is doing well and is a benefit to the community.	

Next meeting will be held on Friday, July 26, 2013 place to be announced at later date.