LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING

November 16, 2007
McLean Conference Room, Rucker 3
Martha Jefferson Hospital
12:00pm – 3:00pm

Members:	**Elizabeth Bruns** – Chair Jenny Oliver – Secretary	Hunter Croson – Vice Chair Lester Pearlstein	Cynthia Power
UVA Representatives:	**Penny Horner** **Susan Hess** Rebecca Lewis	**Lynne Fleming – Legal Counsel** **Walter Mason**	Pamela Cipriano, Ex-Officio Bankole Johnson
Regional Advocate:	**Chuck Collins**		Names in Bold represent those present

Topic	Discussion/Conclusion	Action/ Recommendations
Meeting called to order	Dr. Bruns called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm.	
Introduction	Ms Fleming introduced Penny Horner, Director, Psychiatry Services.	
Meeting Minutes	Dr. Bruns will recommend approval of the September 21, 2007, minutes.	
Public Comment	There was no public comment.	
Reports	**Regional Advocate's Report**: Chuck Collins Mr. Collins reported that a DVD presentation of the new Human Rights Regulations is available. The DVD explains the difference between old and new regulations. It is especially helpful if there is a prior understanding of the old regulations. The new regulations have as its core Recovery, Empowerment and Treatment. It is person centered, advocating a clear voice for the client. Documentation that the client was involved in treatment is necessary. This can be accomplished by the client signing the Individualized Services Plan (ISP). When a client needs a substitute decision maker, some deference should be given to	

	the client's wishes. The complaint process has been changed. There are no longer informal and formal complaints, just complaints. But there are informal and formal resolutions. A training class was held on October 19 and there were four subsequent classes held throughout the state. Mr. Collins attended the Region 10 Crisis Stabilization Program yesterday. The focus of the meeting was peer support counselors and there was a discussion of an issue that caused distress to a client. The Department is advocating peer support specialists. Certification involves taking a course endorsed by the Department that provides training in a certain setting. Training is important as is on-going supervision. The arrangement may work for patients that are more stable. A mental health association is interested in using peer support specialists to answer phone calls. Mr. Collins asked that, when ready, the new UVA treatment plan be distributed at the LHRC meeting. Mr. Mason said he would distribute it at the next meeting. UVA policies and procedures should be updated so they are consistent with the new regulations. This should be completed by March 1. They do not need DMHMRSAS review or approval. It was suggested that the documents be shown to the LHRC or to have them available if requested. The Mental Health Statue Reform Commission will hold public meetings in Charlottesville at the Doubletree Hotel on November 29 and 30. These are the final meetings of the Commission prior to the General Assembly's January session. Five task forces sent items to the Commission for review. Mr. Collins served on the self-empowerment task force, which recommended an advance directive that would incorporate mental health treatment. In a mental health emergency, it would be helpful to have a document on file with name of a person nominated for informed consent. **Administrator's/Manager's Reports** Ms Hess reported that restraints were not used on Rucker 3 during the reporting period of September and October, 2007. Mr. Mason reported one person in seclusion on 5E in October. Ms Hess and Mr. Mason also provided information about informal patient complaints on those units.	Consider discussing Peer Support Specialists at a future meeting. Mr. Mason to present new H&P to the LHRC when complete. Discuss updated polices and procedures at the March LHRC meeting. Ms Fleming will try to obtain the agenda for the Mental Health Statue Reform Commission meetings.

	Mr. Collins explained the regulations regarding complaints: When a provider receives a patient complaint, the provider will notify the Regional Advocate. The Advocate will notify the provider if a complaint is received. The notification process adopted at UVA is to email Mr. Collins with the patient's name, the details of the complaint, date, and action taken. Mr. Collins will provide the same information if he receives a complaint. Ms Hess reported the unit received a Certificate for Outstanding Safety. She read positive comments from an ECT patient about the procedure.	
Meeting Adjournment	Dr. Bruns adjourned the meeting at 1:30 pm. Dr. Bruns, Mr. Collins, Ms Horner toured Rucker 3 with Ms Hess.	
Next Meeting	Next meeting will be held at Rucker 3, Martha Jefferson Hospital, on Friday, January 18, 2008, at 12:00.	