

Piedmont Geriatric Hospital
A LEADER IN GERIATRIC PSYCHIATRY

LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: December 10, 2008

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

LOCATION: PGH

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MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Nelms, Chair; J. Fyfe, Vice Chair; M. Nevins, J. Dyson, D. Patterson

MEMBERS ABSENT: E. Patterson

OTHERS PRESENT: S. Herrick, PGH Director; W. Small, Advocate; C. C. Murphy, VCBR Director; S. Clements, Recorder

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Approval of minutes September 17	Minutes were approved as written.		
Interview of Joanna Perrotta Garofalo	Joanna Perrotta Garofalo, applicant for membership, was interviewed by the Committee members during closed session. Committee recommended the applicant for SHRC approval.	Mr. Small will send paperwork to SHRC for approval.	
PGH Facility Report	<p>S. Herrick, Director reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Cuts <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Human Resource Director regionalized for PGH and VCBR; also Training and Benefits 2. Closed the Laundry – some staff moved to vacant positions in Housekeeping, three in DSAI positions 3. Physical Therapy on contract – Physical Therapist and Physical Therapist Assistant come to PGH every week. 4. Nursing staffing is good 5. \$8000,000 cuts between VCBR and PGH 6. Restrictions on travel, training, new positions, new hires • Talking with Central Office regarding ESH patient moves to PGH 		
VCBR Facility Report	<p>C. C. Murphy, Director reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commitments have leveled off; opened three wings • Have a full time Psychiatrist • Recruiting for a Physician – in the meantime have MOD's on call • Have 112-114 residents • Security positions filled • Resident Complaint Process has been implemented 		

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Advocate's Report	<p>W. Small, reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 42 Human Rights complaints between both campuses • 10 Abuse/neglect – 8 unsubstantiated, 2 substantiated (verbal) • Received a letter from Joseph Lynch, SHRC member, offering his services to the LHRC <p>W. Small proposed changing the name of the Local Human Rights Committee to reflect both PGH and VCBR. Suggestions are welcome.</p>		
Other Business	None		
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.		

Respectfully Submitted:

 Sandra Clements, Recorder

 David Nelms, Chair