

Piedmont Geriatric Hospital

A LEADER IN GERIATRIC PSYCHIATRY

LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: September 17, 2008

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

LOCATION: VCBR

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: D. Patterson, E. Patterson, G. Rochelle

OTHERS PRESENT: S. Miles, Regional Advocate; S. Herrick, Ph.D., PGH Director; W. Small, Advocate; CC. Murphy, VCBR Director; E. Aldridge, VCBR Deputy Director; Dr. M. Dennis, VCBR Clinical Director; M. Herbert, VCBR; C. Young, VCBR; B. Coleman, VOPA, S. Clements, Recorder

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/INFORMATION	ACTION/RESPONSIBILITY	DATE
Approval of minutes July 16	Minutes were approved as written.		
Letter to SHRC accepting VCBR as affiliate	S. Miles drafted an acceptance letter to the SHRC for the committee to approve. Committee members approved the draft. Ms. Miles will send a copy of the letter to D. Nelms for signature, to be returned to her and then mailed to SHRC.	S. Miles to send letter to D. Nelms for signature and return to her to be forwarded to SHRC	ASAP
Overview of VCBR	Mr. Murphy gave a brief overview of the facility. Dr. Dennis presented an overview of how an inmate from DOC ends up a resident at VCBR.		
Review of VCBR Complaint Process	C. Young presented an overview of the VCBR Complaint Process. A draft of the Complaint Process was discussed by the Committee. A motion to accept Option 2 of the draft with the following modifications was carried: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 3 of the draft under Option 2: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The resident shall have the right to be heard either in person or via teleconference at the option of the committee on a case by case basis. 2. Delete v. • Page 2 #2 D. delete "is" in the first line. <p>Draft with modifications will be e-mailed to Mr. Small who will forward to members.</p>	C. Young to make modifications to the draft and send to Mr. Small who will send to committee members.	
Tentative VCBR Visitor Variance Request			

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Review of System changes relating to Elopement Investigation	<p>Dr. Herrick gave a review of system changes relating to an elopement investigation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff suspended • Development of Hospital Instruction #121 <i>Key Control</i> and Security Policy #12 following a key audit. • Revision of Security Policies (Code Red Hospital Fire Drill and Potential Elopement/missing Patient) • Development of Hospital Instruction #120 <i>Activated Alarms</i> • Revision of Nursing Administration Policy (Accountability of Patients) • Training regarding Nursing Administration Policy • Ensure that Hospital Instruction #39 <i>Escaped or Missing Patients</i> is followed 		
PGH Facility Report	<p>Dr. Herrick suggested that the LHRC meetings alternate between PGH and VCBR.</p> <p>Mr. Small will arrange the agenda to accommodate PGH either first or last.</p> <p>Dr. Herrick also suggested that when the meeting is held at VCBR, they provide someone to record the minutes.</p>		
VCBR Facility Report	None		
Advocate's Report	<p>Mr. Small stated that Rev. G. Rochelle can no longer fill her position on the Committee.</p> <p>Committee members were charged with finding a consumer replacement.</p> <p>Ms. Miles said she will e-mail the agenda and packets unless a hard copy is needed. Will mail packet to Mr. Dyson since he does not have access to e-mail.</p>	Agenda and packets will be e-mailed by Ms. Miles.	
Other Business	None		

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Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 29, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. at PGH.		

Respectfully Submitted:

Sandra Clements, Recorder

David Nelms, Chair