

Western State Hospital Local Human Rights Committee  
Webb Learning Center Room B1031  
103 Valley Center Drive, Staunton, Virginia 24401  
July 30, 2018  
Approved Minutes

LIST MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kristina Stelling-Chair, Karen Cochran-Vice Chair, Sherry Zehr, Teresa Bouthillier, & Wes Way

LIST MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dr. David Paulk

OTHERS PRESENT:

Maynard Ritchie, DBHDS Advocate, Glenda Sheffer, & Gail Burford

CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Tina Stelling. Introductions were made all around.
- Tina Stelling started the meeting by commenting on some information she received from Dclv regarding the statistical numbers in Seclusion and Restraints. Dclv claims Numbers reported by DBHDS do not match what WSH is reporting. Gale Burford responded by stating WSH records their own set of numbers. Numbers can be deceiving as they run a month behind.
- Tina also commented on Peer-to-Peer assaults.
- Look for FOIA requests to increase.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Patient made several requests for changes for the director to consider.

AGENDA ITEMS

- June minutes reviewed and approved by committee with minor adjustments.

CLOSED (EXECUTIVE) SESSION - Upon a motion made by Tina Stelling , the committee entered closed session pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711, a.15 and §2.2-37.05.5 for the purpose of discussion of variance renewal.

- Discussion included discussion for approval of variance in the case of a patient who is self isolating. Dr. Jeffery Phillips, Dr. Anna Lacy Evans, and Dr. Timothy Janna presented.

- Discussion by committee of one phone plan restriction. Plan was approved pending quarterly review.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - Upon reconvening in open session, all members of the Local Human Rights Committee certified that to the best of each ones' knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the closed session were discussed in closed session.

#### ADVOCATE REPORT

- None to report

ANNOUNCE NEXT MEETING – Aug 27, 2018 @9:30am  
Webb Learning Center Room B1031

MEETING ADJOURNED – at 11:00 am

These Minutes were transcribed by Maynard C Ritchie, DBHDS Advocate.