

# Piedmont Geriatric Hospital

A LEADER IN GERIATRIC PSYCHIATRY

## LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MINUTES

**DATE:** March 18, 2009

**TIME:** 5:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** VCBR – Main Conference Room

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** E. Patterson, M. Nevins

**OTHERS PRESENT:** W. Small, D. Abrams, C. Young, M. Dennis, J. Ayers, J. Willis, V. Seamans, J. Deem, L. Coleman, Recorder

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<b>Approval of minutes - December 10, 2008</b>	J. Dyson made a motion to approve the December 10, 2008, meeting minutes as written, seconded by D. Patterson and was passed unanimously.	No further action required.	
<b>PGH Facility Report</b>	<p>J. Ayers, Facility Administrator, reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On 2/19&amp;20/09, PGH received an unannounced periodic visit from the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) rendering a follow up to ensure progress was in compliance with the recovery plan.</li> <li>• A brief exit conference, with positive comments, was given.</li> <li>• An annual periodic performance review (a form of self study) for the Joint Commission Accreditation was rendered on 3/11&amp;12/09.</li> <li>• A Quality Assurance surveyor from Western PA visited and gave their recommendations.</li> <li>• PGH is responsible for all Geriatric Inpatient Treatment Services for the Health Care Planning Region II, which was formalized by letter from the Commissioner.</li> <li>• PGH is in the process of working with Eastern State Hancock Geriatric Center to review all remaining region II cases to determine whether or not they can be transferred to PGH.</li> </ul>	No further action required.	
<b>VCBR Facility Report</b>	<p>M. Dennis, Clinical Director, reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VCBR currently has 126 residents, with two more admissions expected this week.</li> <li>• Working on being accredited by Joint Commission, target date 2010.</li> <li>• Plans to have another consultant to assist with mock assessment</li> <li>• Plans to have resident records totally electronic</li> <li>• Have released two residents; another maybe released in June and</li> </ul>	No further action required.	

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	<p>possibly another around the same time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hired two psychiatrists; 1 full time and the other works 32 hours per week; have been hiring more clinical staff, which will increase the amount of treatment services.</li> <li>• Have approximately 215 employees and in the process of hiring more.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Mental Health Community Based Resources request for affiliation</b></p>	<p>Mr. Small discussed the package presented to the LHRC by the Mental Health Community Based Resources' Staff. The first letter requested the audience for the LHRC meeting. The second letter is the fundamental process of having the policies and procedures approved, which have already been approved by Sherry Miles, Regional Director. The third letter is the request for affiliation to the LHRC.</p> <p>J. Willis, Clinical Director of the Southside Community Service Board, presented a request for affiliation as well as gave an overview of the Psycho Social Program. J. Willis has been party to structuring and organizing the system along with V. Seamans who has been the supervisor of a program under the Southside Community Service Board in South Hill.</p> <p>The Psycho Social Program, in Charlotte Court House, is funded by Medicaid. This program is similar to the program currently at Cross Roads. This program will be a day program operating Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The facility will possibly open in April 2009, once the license is signed by Dr. Reinhard.</p> <p>The main diagnoses for treatment are depression, schizophrenia, and bipolar disorders. There are four licensed professionals who can make the determinations: Psychiatrist, Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, and a Licensed Professional Counselor.</p> <p>J. Dyson made a motion to accept the request for affiliation to the LHRC, seconded by D. Nelms and was passed unanimously.</p>	<p>No further action required.</p>	
<p><b>Dr. M. Dennis, VCBR Clinical Director presentation</b></p>	<p>Dr. M. Dennis disseminated handouts to the committee pertaining to the use of the Penile Plethysmograph (PPG) as well as gave an overview of the procedure.</p> <p>The PPG – Penile Plethysmograph measures sexual arousal in a controlled, objective way can result in a more positive response to treatment and potentially greater progress toward conditional release. One of the challenges of working with this group of individuals is determining their sexual arousal patterns. The test is designed to measure the sexual responsiveness to a variety of stimulus scenarios involving males and females of various ages.</p> <p>The individual will view 22 audio/visual segments through eye goggles, or</p>	<p>No further action required.</p>	

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	<p>possibly a television and headset. There will not be any nude photos of children shown. A computer will record the responses. The individual will be asked to press a hand button during the testing in response to auditory and visual cues to ensure that the individual is paying attention throughout. The individual will have the option to sign an informed consent form before any tests are performed.</p> <p>The LHRC will make the final decision if any complaints arise.</p>		
<b>VCBR Level III Complaint Appeals</b>	<p>D. Nelms made a motion to go into executive session at 7:30 p.m., for the discussion of VCBR Level III Complaint Appeals; J. Dyson seconded that motion and was passed unanimously.</p> <p>J. Dyson made a motion to go back into regular session at 8:07 p.m., seconded by D. Nelms and was passed unanimously.</p> <p>D. Nelms moved that each member certifies to the best of their knowledge only matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and to the VA Code Section 2.23711, paragraphs 4 &amp; 15 for the purpose of discussing complaint appeals. Seconded by J. Dyson and was unanimously certified.</p> <p>D. Patterson made a motion to approve the complaint appeals, seconded by J. Dyson and was passed unanimously.</p>	No further action required.	
<b>Advocate's Report</b>	<p>W. Small reported:</p> <p>Since the last meeting (12/10/08), the campus had 26 complaints, 2 were founded and 19 were unfounded. VCBR had 21 of the 26 complaints, 2 were founded. PGH had 5 of the 26 complaints, 0 were founded.</p> <p>W. Small applauded VCBR on their complaint procedures. W. Small commended D. Abrams and C. Young for doing a remarkable job with the complaints. W. Small would like to conduct training at the next scheduled meeting (6/17/09) with the LHRC Committee on the Human Rights Rules and Regulations (Blue Book). The LHRC Committee Members were issued copies of the Blue Book.</p>	No further action required.	
<b>Other Business</b>	None		
<b>Adjournment</b>	The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2009.		

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L. Coleman, Recorder

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D. Nelms, Chair