

# LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MINUTES

**DATE:** 03/17/10

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

**LOCATION:** VCBR

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** J. Fyfe, Chair, Chair; D. Patterson, Vice-Chair; J. Dyson; E. Patterson; B. Wedner; P. Fyfe-Horne; J. Perrotta Garofalo

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** S. Herrick, PGH Director/VCBR Acting Director; J. Ayers, PGH Administrator/PGH Acting Director; W. Small, Advocate;

L. Coleman, Recorder

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<b>Approval of minutes</b>	J. Dyson made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2009 meeting, as written, seconded by D. Patterson and passed unanimously by the committee.	No further actions required.	
<b>Community Program Affiliates' Report</b>	Mr. Small informed the committee that Mr. David Banks, of My Brother's Keeper, became affiliated with the LHRC in December 2009. Mr. Banks along with two of his colleagues – Mr. Keith Lewis, Site Supervisor and Ms. Angela, Admin. Coordinator gave an overview of their program to the committee members. They currently located in 6 different counties, have 70 employees, provide support to 18 different schools, and are serving 155 clients. My Brother's Keeper provides mentoring support to kids (pre-school age to 21). They have a 24 hour treatment plan. Medicaid funds 90% of the program.	No further actions required.	
<b>VCBR Facility Director's Report</b>	Dr. Herrick reported that VCBR currently has a population of 178. Back office functions such as	No further actions required.	

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	<p>Human Resources, Fiscal Services, Computer Resources, Building and Grounds, and Housekeeping have been combined with PGH.</p> <p>An Advisory Oversight Committee was formed a couple of years ago because of so many issues found by the Office of the Inspector General. The Advisory Oversight Committee had some critical reports on VCBR in the last few years. The committee currently meets monthly, with VCBR staff, to work on multiple plans of correction for issues that were reported. Performance Improvement Teams were formed to address those issues.</p> <p>Dr. Herrick advised that his goal is to move back to PGH this summer, however; the support functions will remain under PGH. He also advised that they will be advertising for a Director at VCBR sometime in the fall.</p> <p>VCBR is in the planning stages of a mass movement of the residents with their treatment teams. Also, working on revising the resident property policy. The revised policy will be apparent of what residents can and can not have in their rooms. Residents' money is a big issue that Dr. Herrick and Mr. Small plan to work on in the near future.</p>		
<p><b>PGH Facility Director's Report</b></p>	<p>Mr. Ayers reported that PGH is in the process of improving the facility. A few of the improvements are as follows: installing a new emergency generator, improving the electrical system, replacing 3-West bedroom windows with tinted safety glass, installed new</p>	<p>No further actions required.</p>	

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	<p>security cameras on all floors.</p> <p>PGH has implemented a “going green” initiative by recycling paper and other items, the proceeds are being given to the Patient Welfare Fund.</p> <p>Approval was given for the repaving of roads, on the campus, that was damaged during VCBR construction. Additional parking and a pad for emergency vehicles including helicopters will be developed as part of the project.</p> <p>PGH currently has a census of 117 patients.</p>		
<b>Advocate’s Report</b>	<p>Mr. Small reported that in 2009 VCBR had 470 complaints, 40 were Human Rights complaints that were founded. Mr. Small discussed with the committee the resident complaints process. He hopes that they can continue to keep resident complaints at the Agency Level and not have them go to the Hearing Level.</p> <p>Mr. Small disseminated a Freedom of Information Act package to each member for review. There will be training conducted for the Freedom of Information Act and Hearings at a convenient time for the members.</p> <p>The training will take approximately 1 hr. 30 mins. each.</p>	<p>The committee tentatively scheduled the training for Wednesday, March 31, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. and PGH with an alternate date of Thursday, April 1, 2010.</p>	
<b>Adjournment</b>	<p>J. Dyson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m., D. Patterson seconded that motion and passed unanimously by the committee.</p>		

Respectfully Submitted:

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L. Coleman, Recorder

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J. Fyfe, Chair