

Piedmont Geriatric Hospital

A LEADER IN GERIATRIC PSYCHIATRY

LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: June 17, 2009

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

LOCATION: PGH

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: D. Nelms, Chair

OTHERS PRESENT: S. Herrick, PGH Director; W. Small, Advocate; C. C. Murphy, VCBR Director; C. Young, E. Aldridge, D. Abrams, S. Clements, Recorder

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Approval of minutes March 18	The minutes of March 18 were approved as written.		
PGH Facility Report	<p>Dr. Herrick reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint Commission conducted a Periodic Performance Review, which went well. • Patient Abuse Allegation – Founded, the employee was terminated. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. State Police were called in and are conducting an investigation, waiting for their final report. It is likely that charges will be brought against the individual. 2. After examination by physicians, families were contacted by the Treatment Team & Dr. Herrick. They were very appreciative for the call. 3. The State Nursing Board has been contacted as well as the CMS Registry, which is a national registry. 4. Plan of correction was put in place. Cameras will be installed in public areas such as Unit hallways and Dayrooms. PGH will purchase the cameras. 5. Several anonymous ways to report abuse allegations will be instituted: a drop box, internal web page, and voice mail. • PGH has received 24 transfers from Eastern State Hospital and will be getting more in the future. 		

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VCBR Policies and Procedures for Review	<p>VCBR staff presented three policies for LHRC review.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Penile Plethysmograph 2. Community Living Incentive Program (CLIP) is a program where the residents can earn money. Right now residents have no way of earning money and no prospects of employment due to the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act. The program allows up to \$30 a month for positive behavior, attending group sessions, cleanliness, safety, etc. This is a voluntary program and will begin in July. 3. Dress Code 		
Executive Session – Review Level III appeals from VCBR residents	<p>The Committee went into executive session to discuss Level III appeals from VCBR residents.</p> <p>Committee unanimously agreed to go back into regular session.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Committee acknowledged that the facility has addressed the first complaint to a satisfactory outcome. 2. The Committee agreed that excessive force was used in the second appeal. J. Fyfe will draft a recommendation and e-mail to all Committee members for approval. The recommendation will then be sent to VCBR. 3. The Committee agreed unanimously that the third appeal was unfounded. 		
Advocate's Presentation and Report	<p>Walter Small reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 122 complaints since the last meeting: 118 VCBR – 15 founded and corrected. 4 PGH – none founded • Two members will be coming off the Committee in July, M. Nevins and D. Nelms – Mr. Small has a lead on a prospective member. • Committee members discussed continuing the affiliation with VCBR. Concensus is to request an extension for six months from the SHRC. • Committee will continue to meet quarterly. • Appeals – will write recommendations 		
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.		

Respectfully Submitted:

 Sandra Clements, Recorder

 John Fyfe, Vice Chair