

Subject: Meeting Minutes of the Florida State Hospital Local Advocacy Council/Service Area 3

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Date/Time: Tuesday, August 1, 2006
11:00 a.m.

Place: Administrators Conference Room
Florida State Hospital
Chattahoochee, Florida

Chairperson: Jeanne Gunn

Members Present: Ms. Jeanne Gunn, Ms. Patricia Thomas, Ms. Jody Carter, Ms. Jane Holmes-Cain, Ms. Faith Connelly – Local Advocacy Council Staff, Mr. Bob Woodard – Statewide Advocacy Council Member

Members Absent: Mr. John Gilroy, Ms. Debi Pender, Mr. Ralph Ranney,

Department of Children and Families Staff and Guests Present: Ms. Diane James, Ms. Debbie Johnson

Call to Order and Introductions: Ms. Gunn called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes: The July meeting minutes were approved.

Presentation: Dr. Josefina Baluga gave a presentation on Axis 1 – IV diagnoses.

Subcommittee Monthly Reports:

Ward Government: Ms. Johnson told the council that a special committee has been formed for the canteen. Residents are included on this committee which is looking into healthier snacks and being more cost effective. Some residents are abusing their phone privileges. Residents can use the phone for up to 10 minutes for “friendship” calls and other arrangements are made for business calls. Staff is looking into ways to curb this abuse. Ms. Carter asked about the policy for residents sleeping during the day. Ms. James said they can nap but if it is during class/activity time, they are expected to participate.

Pharmacy and Therapeutics: There were a few complaints but none which required follow up.

Administrator's Report: Ms. James discussed an incident that occurred on Unit 24. Six residents attacked ten staff members. There were injuries to staff members, no injuries to residents. The injured staff were evaluated in the FSH emergency room and referred to their own physicians. It appeared that one resident was the ring leader and was transferred to jail with charges filed against him. The other five are in seclusion. LAC members must have an escort while in the units for security purposes.

Monitoring: Ms. Thomas monitored Units 21 and 27. Unit 21A was in better shape. Unit 27 is always in good shape. Staff realizes that Unit 21 needs work.

Ms. Carter visited four to five residents. There had been some complaints about the bathrooms being moldy. Ms. Carter observed that the bathrooms seemed to be fine. There was no mold. The sinks were relatively new, there were new shower curtains. Ms. Carter felt that for as old as the building is, the bathrooms were good.

Membership: There is still a need for new members.

MRDP Report: No report.

Statewide Advocacy Council Report: Mr. Woodard brought a brochure from the Long Term care Ombudsman Council.

Time/Date/Place of Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 12, 2006 at 10:30 a.m. EST, Administrator's Conference Room, Florida State Hospital.

CLOSED SESSION

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m..

Submitted by: _____

Approved by: _____