



Arizona State Hospital Human Rights Committee Meeting

Thursday March 5, 2015 6:00-9:00PM Meeting AzSH Auditorium	Arizona State Hospital 2400 E. Van Buren St. Phoenix, AZ 85008
Members Present: Sharon Ashcroft; Paula Hughes-Riccio; John Mancini-via telephone; Mary Lou Brncik; Jim Gillcoatt;	
Other Attendees: Margery Ault, ADHS; Jennifer Alewelt, AzSH; Yisel Sanchez, ADHS; Sheri Zelpo	
Members Absent: Kim Scherek; Charles Yandell Jr.	
Next Meeting: Thursday, April 1, 2015	
Approved: <hr/> Sharon Ashcroft, Chairman	



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Review of Minutes	<p>Review of minutes for February 2015. Corrections to first page, page 2, page 4, and page 5.</p> <p>Committee asks that January minutes be sent to the entire committee.</p>	<p>Mr. Mancini makes a motion to accept minutes with corrections as noted. Ms. Riccio seconded the motion, all members voted in favor.</p>			
Conflict of Interest	<p>None reported</p>				
Public Comment	<p>Comment made regarding policy restricting access to dorms. Dorm closure from 9:00am-4:00pm. One hour lunch break from 12-1. No program schedule implemented/ no opportunities.</p> <p>Access to dorms on limited bases, only to retrieve personal items. 18 patients in day room, only one male and one female bathroom. Patients in room 5 to 6 hours a day.</p> <p>Arizona State Hospital claiming</p>				



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	<p>discharge criteria as reason this is being done and facilitate group program.</p> <p>Patient at the hospital stated he filed a grievance and received a form letter in return.</p> <p>No policy directive.</p> <p>Patient asks hospital to address dorm closure.</p> <p>Patient addresses this closure affects elderly more so as well as those who have medications administered as it may cause grogginess and may require a need to rest. Patient stated this is not fair, she feels the hospital should prioritize being more compassionate and respectful to patients.</p> <p>Patient comments on the lack of staff in rehab and the units</p>				



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	<p>themselves. This patient attends programs from 7am-7pm and needs to rest in between but unable to since dorm closure. Patient shares that forums usually take place prior to major change such as contraband and mail changes but in this case patients did not receive policy changes it was simply implemented because it's supposed to assist with programming.</p>				
<p>Annual Summary 2013-2014 Update</p>	<p>Committee discussion in regards to final draft of the annual report for 2013. Committee will make corrections to the number of deaths and font throughout.</p> <p>Committee discussion regarding 2014 annual report. Committee agrees to review and send any changes to Ms. Ashcroft within next</p>	<p>Ms. Brncik makes a motion to accept 2013 annual report with corrections. Mr. Gillcoat seconds the motion and all members voted in favor.</p> <p>Ms. Ashcroft's completion and approval goal for the 2014 annual</p>			



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	couple weeks.	report is set for April.			
Appeal Dispute Update-Jim Gillcoat	<p>Committee discusses allegation made in physical abuse.</p> <p>Committee discusses medications given and whether it was substantiated or not.</p> <p>Allegations stated that patient was drug into a lab room to have blood drawn by force. The findings were unsubstantiated.</p> <p>Mr. Gillcoat stated that arm assisted restraint was used to bring patient to destination.</p> <p>Committee expressed concern since ADHS unsubstantiated.</p> <p>Committee asks if decision can be</p>	<p>Committee wrote a letter addressed to Ms. Noriega regarding the Physical Abuse Allegation.</p> <p>Ms. Sanchez will forward the letter to Ms. Noriega at the State Hospital.</p>			



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	<p>contested. Committee will write a letter to the director identifying concern.</p> <p>Ms. Brncik asks if patients are familiar with the appeal process. Committee would like to ensure that the patient understands the process in writing an appeal and that they can seek assistance. Committee would like to include detail to identifying the disconnect.</p>	<p>Committee would like to recommend that DBHS include Human Rights Committee information to be included in the letter.</p>			
<p>April meeting on Forensic side of ASH</p>	<p>Ms. Ashcroft states that she is making an attempt to have the next meeting on the forensic side of the hospital.</p> <p>Committee agrees on suggesting that they meet at different locations each</p>	<p>Mr. Gillcoat makes a motion to propose April</p>			



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	<p>month. This will help familiarize patient with the Human Right Committee. All members in agreement with suggestion.</p>	<p>meeting take place on the forensic side of the hospital. Ms. Brncik seconds the motion, all members were in favor.</p>			
<p>Subcommittee Meeting Date and Place</p>	<p>Ms. Ashcroft suggests that they have a subcommittee meeting as soon as possible.</p>	<p>Committee discusses that the meeting be held on the 3rd Tuesday at 3:00pm. Ms. Sanchez will work with Ms. Noriega for room reservations in Mohave unit. If 3:00pm doesn't work any time after 12:00pm.</p>			
<p>New 9-4 Policy</p>	<p>Arizona State Hospital reported that purpose of 9-4r policy change was to increase program patient participation. Hospital also shared that things are different on each unit, and that patient needs are individualized. Ms. Alewelt will send processes to identify concern to</p>				



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	<p>Ms. Sanchez for distribution. Ms. Alewelt also reported that a licensing surveyor was called out in connection with a complaint but found that the hospital was doing nothing wrong. Information on the findings is public information and can be retrieved by the HRC. Ms. Mancini disagrees with this and feels the hospital is not in compliance. Members of the public and members of the committee comment.</p> <p>Ms. Riccio expresses her disagreement with policy.</p>				
New Business	Committee discusses requesting contraband policy from ASH.	Committee would like information mailed to all committee members for review.			



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Future Business Items	Ankle Monitors- Discussion in April	Ms. Noriega will address issues at the meeting in April meeting.			
Meeting Adjourned	Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM. Next meeting: April 1, 2015 6:00pm-8:30 pm				