



Arizona State Hospital Human Rights Committee Meeting

<b>Wednesday April 15 2015</b> <b>1:00-3:00PM Meeting</b> <b>ASH Admin Building</b>	Arizona State Hospital 2500 E. Van Buren St. Phoenix, AZ 85008
<b>Members Present:</b> Sharon Ashcroft, Paula Riccio, Mary Lou Brncik, John Mancini on phone Jim Gilcoatt on phone,	
<b>Other Attendees:</b> N/A	
<b>Members Absent:</b> Kim Scherek, Charles Yandell	
<b>Next Meeting: May 7, 2015</b>	
<b>Approved:</b>  <hr/> <b>Sharon Ashcroft, Chairman</b>	



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Item	Discussion	Follow-Up/Action	Person(s) Responsible for Follow Up	Target Completion Date	Complete Yes/No
Review of Minutes	N/A				
Conflict of Interest	None disclosed				
Public Comment	No members of the public present				
ASH Chair Update	Sharon states she has received clarification of 2-5-14 incident which was originally identified as a rape on initial draft of annual summary. ASH CEO has stated that the incident was not being classified as a sexual assault by the hospital. HRC is concerned that the committee learned of this incident through a public report on ABC news as well as from another outside source rather than from the hospital itself..	Sharon making edits to wording in 2014 Annual Summary to be approved by the full committee before adoption.	Sharon	5-7-2015	NO
Annual report	Suggestion made that a copy of the HRC's annual reports be sent via certified mail to Governor Ducey.	Place on agenda for discussion/action by full committee	Sharon	5-7-2015	NO



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9-4 Policy	<p>Adult Protective Services staff attended the April 2 HRC meeting. Per reports to HRC: movement on units is severely restricted, patients have reported being forcibly medicated “for refusing to leave patient rooms” Discussion of quality of classes and activities at hospital and level of therapeutic value of the group activities is in question with attendance being mandated rather than of patients own free will. John states that some hospital staff who run the groups have been sharing “personal frustrations” with patients caused by the new policy. John states that the stress caused by 9-4 is taking a real toll on many patients as well as staff. Reports received that hospital atmosphere is becoming a hostile environment due to the 9-4 policy. Sharon also reported that she was informed that the HRC was not</p>	<p>Keep 9-4 policy on agenda and seek consensus at next HRC meeting to inquire with hospital staff as to why patients believe they are being medicated “as punishment” for non-compliance to policy. Refer to full committee to enact further appropriate action as needed Committee still is desiring to meet with a “clinician” regarding impact of 9-4 on patient recovery and stability. Refer to full committee for action.</p>	<p>Sharon – committee  Place request for HRC to meet with hospital clinician regarding 9-4 policy on agenda for May 7</p>	ongoing	NO



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	permitted to ask for a direct meeting to discuss 9-4 with ASH CMO Dr. Bonner. The HRC's formal request to meet face to face with CMO was denied citing improper protocol.				
Inadequate Staffing	John states that the units continue to be staffed at levels which make patients and staff vulnerable to violence within the units.	Patient concerns regarding staffing levels will remain on agenda for May 7.	Sharon to place on agenda for May 7	ongoing	NO
New Business	Recruiting new HRC members. John suggested reaching out to universities to find law students who may want to serve on HRC. Members in agreement on this being a very good idea.	Agenda for May 7	Sharon to place on agenda. Refer to full committee	May 7	NO
Site Visit Update	Sharon stated that this month ASH CEO had requested all site visits be approved by her before the HRC visits a patient. This has not been the policy prior to this time. Sharon reports that she has contacted M. Ault and Y. Sanchez to clarify if protocol for setting up site visits had	None required	N/A		YES



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	<p>been recently changed. Per DBHS reps no change in protocol has occurred and Sharon will continue to book visits through patient's social workers in the same manner as has been previously practiced.</p>				
<p>Forensic Patient Privileges Policy Level 2 Number 6 Policy adopted by ASH Nov 2012</p>	<p>Members agree that it is very important to keep this item on the HRC agenda on an ongoing basis as no resolution appears to be forthcoming, questions on the legality of policy to be addressed.</p>	<p>Refer to full committee to pursue more information, keep on agenda</p>	<p>Sharon / committee</p>	<p>ongoing</p>	<p>NO</p>
<p>Meeting Adjourned</p>	<p>Meeting ended 1pm, next meeting to be May 7 2015.</p>				