



Arizona State Hospital Human Rights Committee Meeting

Thursday December 9, 2015 6:00-9:00PM Meeting AzSH Auditorium	Arizona State Hospital 2500 E. Van Buren St. Phoenix, AZ 85008
Members Present: Sharon Ashcroft; Mary Lou Brncik; Joe O’Cain; Jill Manahan; Laurie Goldstein; Michael White	
Other Attendees: Gavin McFarland- via telephone; Cindy Hernandez- via telephone; Tyler Tallant- via telephone; Paul Galdys, ADHS/AHCCCS; Aaron Bowen, AzSH; Yisel Sanchez, ADHS; Tiffany Williams, AzSH; Ryan Hoffermeier, AzSH; Larry Diffie, AzSH; Margaret McLaughlin, AzSH;	
Members Absent: Jim Gillcoatt; Kim Scherek	
Next Meeting: Thursday, January	
Approved: _____ Sharon Ashcroft, Chairman	



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Item	Discussion	Follow-Up/Action	Person(s) Responsible for Follow Up	Target Completion Date	Complete Yes/No
Review of October Minutes and November Subcommittee meeting minutes	Review of minutes for October 2015 and November sub-committee meeting minutes.	<p>Mr. White makes a motion to accept October minutes. Ms. Manahan seconds, all members voted in favor.</p> <p>Mr. White makes motion to accept minutes with corrections noted to page 2. Ms. Manahan seconded the motion, all members voted in favor.</p>			
Conflict of Interest	None reported				
Public Comment	Cindy Hernandez-expresses concerns with telephone issues. Experiencing long periods of silence. Issues have already been reported but have been ongoing for a month. Ms. Hernandez also expresses concern with RN. Alleges that RN waits to share updates or				



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	<p>hospital information with patients once received from supervisor. Ms. Hernandez inquires on food visits.</p> <p>Tyler Tallant- inquires on food visits. Mr. Tallant would like to see shade over outdoor space; all other areas have patios but need shading.</p> <p>Gavin McFarlan- expresses concern with the limited amount of physician’s assistants. Mr. McFarlan inquires on availability of snacking food in-between meals.</p>				
Paul Galdys- Assistant Director	<p>Brief introduction from Paul Galdys. Mr. Gladys’s been in the Behavioral Health field since 98. Mr. Galdys has been the Assistant Director for the Division of Behavioral Health Services since 2014. Mr. Galdys is also the</p>	<p>Marylou Brncik asks about a justice transition committee already in place. Paul Galdys confirms and added that they look at state wide access.</p>			



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	<p>Assistant Director for AHCCCS.</p> <p>New division at AHCCCS, Division of Health Care Advocacy and Advancement. This will include the Office of Human Rights, Office of Individuals and Family Affairs and Human Rights Committees. Other offices already in place at AHCCCS that will be part of this division include the State Medicaid Advisory Committee and ALTCS Advisory Committee.</p> <p>There will be no Division of Behavioral Health at AHCCCS; it will be a blending of services. Operations and oversight for these areas will be integrated.</p> <p>Division of Behavioral Health Services and all functions that exist there outside of the Arizona State Hospital will be moving to</p>	<p>Dr. Bowen will seek collaboration from DBHS.</p>			



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	<p>AHCCCS on July 1st 2016.</p> <p>Arizona State Hospital will remain under Arizona Department of Health Services.</p>				
<p>Dr. Bowen Updates</p>	<p>Holiday Cards- Dr. Bowen and Exec. Team have agreed to hand write all cards and deliver to each patient. Cards will also be delivered to all social workers and psychiatrists.</p> <p>Church for Holiday Programs- Dr. Bowen shares that a couple programs are in place for December 22nd. Dr. Bowen asks that a list of performers and list of HRC members that will be attending be provided to him.</p> <p>Performances will take place from 5:30-6:30 on the Forensics side and from 6:30-7:30 on the Civil side.</p>				



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	<p>Internet Access- 4 locations for patient wide internet use. Currently working on software. Testing phase in progress that will allow hospital to monitor internet usage. Working collaboratively with ADHS IT to finalize. On the list for weekly discussion.</p> <p>Food Visits- Civil side food visits never stopped. Forensic side food visits stopped, special requests going through treatment team, so far two have been approved.</p> <p>Medical Care Privacy- ASH is legal guardian and responsible for each individual at the state hospital. There is an intergovernmental agreement that states that a staff member shall be in the room with the patient at all times.</p>	<p>Committee would like to convey information to all patients. Suggestion to announce at the upcoming community meeting.</p> <p>Ms. Ashcroft asks if allowing vending machine food into visitation rooms will be reinstated by administration in the near future.</p>			



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	<p>Mail- Outgoing mail box on campus. Current process consist of one individual box for each unit, mail is sorted and logged. Suggestion to add six additional boxes to what's already in place.</p> <p>Bed- IT testing done, mattresses will work. Cost analysis currently in the works with procurement. Anticipating a January 1 pilot, to include four beds for a couple weeks on Sago.</p> <p>Patio Shade- part of a supplemental budget request. Waiting to hear back in first few months of 2016.</p> <p>Training for patients- Margaret McLaughlin looking at Grievance and Appeal policy, coordinating with Margery Ault. Once policy is</p>	<p>Ryan Hoffman feels current process will work. Mr. Hoffman will ensure that all staff are properly trained. Dr. Bowen will follow-up.</p> <p>Governing Board meeting is at 10:00.</p>			



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	finalized, staff will train staff and patients to ensure everyone has a clear understating of the processes.				
October Visit	<p>Sharon Ashcroft reported that no formal visits were conducted this month.</p> <p>Ms. Ashcroft visited a specific patient prompted by Senator Barto. Concern that there was no dignity and respect towards this individual. Ms. Ashcroft stated that individual visited reported he was treated well and was currently seeking additional privileges.</p> <p>Ms. Ashcroft discusses information regarding a patient in Forensics who filed a grievance over a year ago. Patient was allegedly assaulted by staff. Investigator referred this case to Department of Health Services, as of September it's still there.</p>	<p>No follow-up needed.</p> <p>Paul Galdys with DBHS has asked that Ms. Ashcroft provide him with more information and docket number for this case. Mr. Galdys will check on current status.</p>			



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New Business/ Future Agenda items	SKYPE- Can this be done? Membership- Civil side Meeting Day- change meeting day	Following items will be included in next month's agenda.			
Meeting Adjourn	Jill Manahan makes closing statement expressing her appreciation towards Human Rights Committee and Arizona State Hospital Administration/staff.	Laurie Goldstein makes a motion to adjourn meeting. Michael White seconds the motion, all members vote in favor.			