



Arizona State Hospital Human Rights Committee Meeting

Thursday January 7, 2015 6:00-9:00PM Meeting AzSH Auditorium	Arizona State Hospital 2500 E. Van Buren St. Phoenix, AZ 85008
Members Present: Sharon Ashcroft; Kim Scherek; Mary Lou Brncik; Joe O’Cain; Jill Manahan; Laurie Goldstein;	
Other Attendees: Gavin McFarland- via telephone; Cindy Hernandez- via telephone; Paul Galdys, ADHS/AHCCCS; Aaron Bowen, AzSH; Yisel Sanchez, ADHS	
Members Absent: Jim Gillcoatt; Michael White	
Next Meeting: Thursday, February	
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 December meeting minutes	Review of minutes for December meeting.	Jill Manahan makes a motion to accept minutes as presented. Laurie Goldstein seconds the motion, all members vote in favor.			
Conflict of Interest	None reported				
Public Comment	<p>Cindy Hernandez- Interested in knowing who can attend patient forums.</p> <p>Concerned with not being allowed to use pens and pencils. Starting college soon and would like to know if a real pen and or pencil can be used.</p> <p>Ms. Hernandez inquires on getting CD player and actual CD's back.</p> <p>Ms. Hernandez asks if speakers can be purchased.</p> <p>Ms. Hernandez asks if they can get the hair dye with ammonia. The hair</p>				



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	<p>dye that is permitted on the units does not contain ammonia and washes out within a few days.</p> <p>Gavin McFarlan- reported that time with PA's is very limited. PA quality has really diminished. Mr. McFarlan reported that there is a turnover for Mental Health program staff.</p>				
Dr. Bowen Updates	<p>Telephone static- Dr. Bowen reported that phone lines have been tested, and no issues were found. Hospital did find that there were several bad cords throughout the hospital, new cords have been ordered.</p> <p>Fresh fruit- Dr. Bowen confirms that fruits are available throughout the hospital, although it is contingent on the unit nurses and orders they place.</p>				



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	<p>Hospital is holding vendor to contract and making sure they are abiding.</p> <p>Vending machines- machines are being monitored for new products. As far as vending machine food permitted during visits, hospital still concerned with possible contraband. Approved visits are still an option, to date there haven't been any food visits disapproved.</p> <p>Internet-Hospital was instructed by IT that the job had to go out for bid. Two quotes were received and Cox was less expensive. Cox is scheduled to come out; Hospital is waiting on 20 computers donated by AHCCCS first. Computers will be distributed evenly, five to each unit in a designated computer room. Printers have not been discussed yet.</p>				



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	<p>Computers are newer and will be running on Windows 7 Platform. Privilege levels are still under review.</p> <p>Patio shade-Shades are pending supplemental budget request. Legislature reporting trending is positive. Hearing scheduled for the end of the month to discuss additional funding for facilities.</p> <p>Beds- final process is going through procurement. Dr. Bowen has not received update on the current status from procurement. Dr. Bowen has sent several emails and is awaiting a response. Anticipating February start date.</p> <p>SKPYE-Dr. Bowen has done research on how this would work for ASH. Dr. Bowen found that there is</p>				



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	<p>one facility in California that currently uses this as a means of communication on a secure network. Arizona State Hospital would not be able to use current computers due to HIPPA. This option is possible, but would require further research into the current process used in the California facility. Dr. Bowen will take this into consideration on a patient to patient basis. This process will be on hold until internet has been established.</p> <p>PA increase- physicians are not state employees, they are contacted and they are very costly. Current contact in place calls for 5 PA's, there are currently 5 employed. State Hospital is an outpatient facility, therefore a limited medical facility.</p>				



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	Kick off meeting with 7 other state hospitals. Meeting discussion included working with vendors to facilitate a process in which the hospitals could setup access to electronic medical health care records. Meeting went well, hope to continue meeting biweekly.				
Paul Galdys- Assistant Director	Brief update on docket #14-SH0419. Mr. Galdys reported that a decision letter is expected to go out within a week.	Mr. Galdys suggests training with grievance and appeals to enlighten the committee on the processes in place for filing grievances and 30 day performance indicator. Committee suggests forums for patients on how to file grievances.			
Meeting day change	Committee discussion regarding the possibility of changing meeting	Committee agrees to meet on the third Thursday of			



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	dates to a different week of the month and possible changing the actual meeting day.	the month commencing in February.			
Visitations-Civil side	<p>Ms. Ashcroft stated a list of potential dates was provided by DC.</p> <p>Ms. Goldstein and Ms. Brncik both volunteer to assist with visits as needed.</p>				
Christmas Program	<p>Ms. Brncik reported that Christmas party was wonderful and a success. Senator Barto attended the event, and patient turnout was great. Committee discusses increasing patient participation next time. Hospital reports staff pleased with the outcome and is expecting Christmas program next year. Committee appreciative of Hospital for willingness to take this chance.</p> <p>Hospital discusses a few changes for next year to help ensure safety.</p>	<p>Ms. Ashcroft discusses sending thank you letters to persons involved with the Christmas program. Dr. Bowen suggest that they be addressed to Hospital administration, and assures they will be shared thereof.</p> <p>Ms. Ashcroft will send thank you letters to all performers and administration involved.</p>			



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New Business/ Future Agenda items	<p>Policy- What are the expected return times during and after visitations.</p> <p>Mail training- Hoffman update</p>				
Meeting Adjourn	<p>Joe O’Cain makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jill Manahan seconds the motion, all members vote in favor.</p>				