

**CATAWBA LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
CATAWBA, VIRGINIA**

MINUTES

COMMITTEE NAME: Catawba Local Human Rights Committee

MEETING DATE: August 11, 2011 **MEETING TIME:** 1:00 PM

PLACE: Building 24 – Lobby, Catawba Hospital

MEMBERS PRESENT: Will Childers, Acting Chairperson; Bo Miller; Millie Rhodes; JoAnn Patterson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dianna Parrish, Vice-Chair (excused); Letitia Malone (excused)

OHR STAFF PRESENT: Nan Neese, Regional Human Rights Advocate

CH STAFF PRESENT: Walton Mitchell, III, Facility Director; Yad Jabbarpour, M. D., Chief of Staff; Geeta Nathan, M.D., Attending Staff Psychiatrist

**MEETING AGENDA – Special Meeting
ECT Consent Review and Interview of LHRC Applicant
Catawba Hospital**

At the Committee's request Mr. Mitchell invited Dr. Jabbarpour to give an overview relative to Electroconvulsive Therapy procedures, a brief historical perspective and a current perspective on the treatment's efficacy. The members expressed their appreciation.

The motion was made and passed to go into Closed Session pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711.A. (4) and (15), for the protection of privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business and to review medical records, namely to conduct a review pursuant to the 2004 Commissioner's Memorandum relative to Referral for Electroconvulsive Therapy and in a separate session to conduct an interview with an applicant to the LHRC.

Dr. Geeta Nathan was present to testify and answer questions from the Committee. Dr. Nathan was thanked for her testimony and excused.

An Applicant for membership to the Committee was interviewed.

Upon reconvening in public session, the Local Human Rights Committee unanimously certified that only public business matters lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the Closed session were discussed in the Closed session.

Having heard testimony about the justification for the proposed treatment and being presented with evidence specific to consent, a motion was made by Bo Miller that the LHRC determined that informed consent had been obtained from the Authorized Representative in accordance with the Human Rights Regulation. The motion was seconded by JoAnn Patterson, and it was unanimously approved. The Committee also acknowledged that the individual has expressed a desire to receive treatment.

The LHRC unanimously endorsed the Candidate for membership and directed Nan Neese to forward the application to the State Committee for its consideration for immediate appointment.

Nan also notified the members of a need to call another Special meeting for the purpose of acting on a request for affiliation of a new service to be located within Alleghany Regional Hospital in Low Moor. The members indicated a possible date of September 1.

The Committee adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Will Childers, Acting Chairperson

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