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Northern Virginia Hospital's Local Human Rights Committee

Meeting Date: January 25, 2006
Location: Inova Fairfax Hospital Conference Room F

MINUTES:

<u>Members</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Christopher Harrison		√
Jim Merrill	√	
Nancy Merrill		√
Frederic Puhan	√	
Betty Jo McDevitt	√	
Robert Dupwe	√	

Advocates Present – Tim Simmons

Guests: No Guests were present

Providers Present

Inova Fairfax Hospital– Kathleen Hannoosh	Inova Mt. Vernon – Teresa Moros
Inova CATS –Joseph Dowd	
NVMHI –Sally Garrett	
Inova Loudon Hospital –	
Virginia Hospital Center –	

Tour of Facility: Prior to the meeting, the committee members were given a tour of the inpatient Psychiatric Unit of Inova Fairfax Hospital by Kathleen Hannoosh.

Call to Order

Jim Merrill called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Introductions

An attendance record was circulated for committee members and provider representatives to sign.

Approve Minutes

The minutes from the November 2005 meeting were reviewed and approved with minor adjustments to the attendance.

Agenda

No changes were made to the agenda.

Announcements

No announcements were made.

Public Comments

No public comment was made.

Human Rights Advocate Report

Tim Simmons clarified the procedure in which the minutes will be placed on the state web site after an inquiry by Kitty Harold of Virginia Hospital Center. He explained that the committee needed to discuss other

options of posting the minutes such as on a provider's web site or with the local Community Services Board. Both the draft and final minutes are to be posted.

Discussion regarding the feasibility of posting on another site ensued. The committee decided the best option is to post on the state site.

Tim Simmons informed the committee that meetings for the entire calendar year should be posted as well.

Standing Reports

- CATS- Joe Dowd representative. Copies of the 4th quarter data and 2005-year were provided to members to review.
- NVMHI – Sally Garrett representative. Copies of the 3rd and 4th quarters of 2005 were provided to members to review. Ms. Garrett stated that the increase in seclusion and restraint was due to a few patients who were violent or aggressive, one who is treatment refractory.
 - Ms. Garrett also announced that NVMHI were planning to restructure some of their clinical areas secondary to change in the acuity of the population and movement through the units of the hospital. NVMHI is looking at changes to better provide services to their clients.
- IFH – Kathleen Hannoosh representative. Copies of the 4th quarter 2005 were provided to members to review. Ms. Hannoosh explained the variance of the seclusion rate was attributed the admission of more TDO patients who were violent or aggressive.
- IMVH – Teresa Moros representative. Did not report this meeting.

Old Business

Competency Education at provider facilities: Robert Dupwe will present an update at the February meeting.

Tim Simmons will do a presentation on the Freedom of Information Act at the February meeting.

New Business

None.

Miscellaneous

Committee members and providers had a discussion regarding the future of Community Mental Health and upcoming state legislation.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2036. Next meeting is set for February 22, 2006 at NVMHI.