



Arizona State Hospital Human Rights Committee Meeting

Thursday May 7, 2015 6:00-9:00PM Meeting AzSH Auditorium	Arizona State Hospital 2500 E. Van Buren St. Phoenix, AZ 85008
Members Present: Sharon Ashcroft; Jim Gillcoatt; John Mancini-via telephone; Mary Lou Brncik-via telephone;	
Other Attendees: John Wallace; Donna Mancini; Mathew Casey; Jill Manahan; Christina Corieri Margery Ault, ADHS; Donna Noriega, AzSH;	
Members Absent: Paula Hughes-Riccio; Kim Scherek-via telephone	
Next Meeting: Thursday, June 4th, 2015	
Approved: _____ Sharon Ashcroft, Chairman	



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Review of Minutes	Review of minutes for April meeting minutes and April subcommittee meeting minutes.	<p>Mr. Mancini makes a motion to accept March minutes with noted corrections. Ms. Brncik seconded the motion, all members voted in favor.</p> <p>Mr. Mancini makes a motion to accept March sub-committee meeting minutes. Ms. Riccio seconded the motion, all members voted in favor.</p>			
Conflict of Interest	None reported				
Public Comment	<p>Jill Manahan- requested that last month's agenda be provided to her.</p> <p>John Wallace- requested clarification on the 50% rule. Policy and laws studied in regard to why a person is sent to the hospital and the</p>				



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	length of time they are supposed to be kept there. 50% rule is prohibited. Law states patients are supposed to return to the public as soon as possible. Psychiatrists are manufacturing treatment issues to keep patients at the hospital longer.				
Update Annual Summary 2014	Discussion regarding the change made to the annual report regarding the alleged incident in February 2014. Changes read out loud for committee approval.	Jim Gillcoatt made a motion to accept annual report with corrections noted. John Mancini seconded the motion, all members voted in favor.			
PSRB Update by DHS/OHR	Donna Noriega spoke to the assistant attorney general regarding PSRB and they asked that she provide the committee with two statutes that are related to the PSRB. Committee was asked to review statutes, membership and regarding powers duties and definitions. Ms. Noriega clarifies that the PSRB is a separate entity from the Hospital.				



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	<p>Ms. Noriega couldn't comment as to what they do. Ms. Noriega stated that any questions should be sent to assistant attorney general before they attend the next meeting. Ms. Ashcroft asks for a simple presentation from PSRB. Committee will review information provided. Ms. Noriega asks that the request to have a presentation be sent thru Yisel Sanchez. Mr. John Mancini asks if PSRB is appointed by the governor. Ms. Noriega will provide statute to everyone for review. PSRB tabled until summer. Committee would like to attend next PSRB and observe as per Mary Lou Brncik. Committee stated that minutes can be pulled from website for review. Mr. Mancini shares his information to his upcoming PSRB and invites committee to attend his in May.</p>				



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Senator Barto Update/Channel 15- Jim Gillcoatt	<p>Jim Gillcoatt reported that Senator Barto and news station were contacted by hospital patients. Senator Barto and Channel 15 reached out to the committee regarding 9-4 policy. Senator Barto asked for clarification as to what some of the issues were and needed a clearer understanding as to what the patients were referring to. Senator Barto shared with the committee that she recently learned that Adult Protective Services could no longer conduct investigations at the hospital, came from a recent law that was passed.</p> <p>Channel 15 reached out because there was a lot of information they had compiled and wanted to cross check with the committee. It's the committees understanding that complaints were sent by multiple patients.</p>				



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50% Policy-Mary Lou Brncik	<p>Mary Lou Brncik updated the committee on the 50% policy based information she gathered from the public. Information received was pretty shocking, as she learned that prosecutors don't trust the hospital to be working in the patients' best interest.</p> <p>Ms. Brncik plans to continue to talk to people who know this policy better suggesting an attorney review the policy and better explain it to the committee at a later date. Ms. Brncik expressed disappointment towards the hospital as she feels it is more like a correctional facility rather than a hospital helping ill patients. Ms. Brncik reported that many people believe policy was illegal, committee feels like if enough pressure is brought to the hospital the hospital policy can change as a result. Ms. Brncik</p>				



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	<p>passionate about helping patients believe like the hospital is there to be treat patients for a medical condition and not a prison atmosphere. Ms. Brncik would like to keep this information on the agenda for discussion at a later date. Committee asks who she gathered information from. Ms. Brncik said many were attorneys.</p> <p>Ms. Goldstein suggested looking at length of stay as she thought that the length of stay was decreasing. Ms. Noriega reported that the policy was approved by the AG's office. Mr. Mancini asks what could of changed from 2011 to 2012 to have initiated the policy. Ms. Ashcroft suggests writing a letter to Cory Nelson asking to elaborate on the policy and what could have changed. Also to include what the goals were and if they were achieved, and were they</p>				



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<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>Review draft request for DBHS investigation of 2/5/2014 incident</p> <p>Discuss ankle monitors and cost</p>	<p>Sharon Ashcroft spoke to Ms. Ault in regards to the incident and Ms. Ault suggested that DBHS investigate the 2/5/14 incident. Ashcroft drafts a letter requesting an investigation on the incident to DBHS. Content of the letter was read to the committee for suggestions.</p> <p>John Mancini reported that he spoke to a previous patient at the hospital who was a lawyer. He did research on the monitors and said they were very high quality and very expensive. At that time the approximate cost was \$1500 dollars per month for monitoring not</p>	<p>Mr. John Mancini made a motion to accept letter presented by Ms. Ashcroft and given to Margery, Mr. Gillcoatt seconds committee in favor.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  3M Satellite Tracking.pdf </p>			



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	<p>including the cost of the monitors. Mr. Mancini questioned the necessity of the monitors since the hospital has 12 foot fencing and razor wire. Mr. Mancini asking for the actual cost and what necessitates the cost vs. the benefit. Mr. Mancini looking for the cost benefit factor as he feels this area needs to be looked at since hospital is trying to save money.</p> <p>Ms. Ashcroft asks if he would like this information included in the letter she will be sending to Cory Nelson, Mr. Mancini agrees.</p> <p>Ms. Noriega announced she has information available today as it was requested at last month's meeting. Cost is approximate at \$5500 for everyone at the hospital. Mr. Mancini asked for name and number of the vendor. Ms. Noriega provides</p>	<p>Ms. Ashcroft will include info in letter to Cory Nelson.</p>			



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	<p>the financial to all members for review. Ms. Goldstein asks how many patients there are with monitors. Ms. Noriega's response was that there are about 70 patients. Copy of the financial will be submitted as part of the minutes. Mr. Mancini will verify information for himself.</p> <p>Ms. Noriega shared that ankle monitors are worn because patients go out into the community as they move up levels, this ensure that patients are where they are supposed to be. Update next month as to how many individuals get to leave the hospital with passes vs how many are on independent mall privileges. Ms. Ashcroft asks about individuals that don't leave the hospital and why they wear monitors. Update will be provided at the meeting in June.</p>				



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Statewide meeting	<p>Statewide meeting has a firm date of June 6. Location not confirmed yet. Award going to be present to Senator Barto. Ms. Ault distributes packets for mileage and meal reimbursement.</p> <p>Ms. Ashcroft asks that anyone would like to car pool to the meeting reach out to her.</p>				
Open Discussions	<p>Marylou Brncik asks if minutes will be posted online and can they remove Rae Hopf from the list online.</p> <p>Mary Lou Brncik asks that someone clarify subcommittee, what makes a subcommittee. A subcommittee rather than a regular meeting and if subcommittee meeting agenda is posted and there enough members present to make it a regular meeting</p>				



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	<p>is the meeting still a subcommittee meeting. Requirements for a subcommittee are that the agenda to be posted as you would for a regular committee. At a subcommittee even regardless of number of members present there should only be recommendations made rather than actions. Actions are to be brought forth a regular meeting.</p> <p>John Mancini expresses concern with APS not allowed to enter hospital and conduct investigations. Mr. Mancini asking if legislative notes can be pulled and provide to him.</p> <p>John Mancini is concerned with adding members to the committee as the group is getting very small.</p>				



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	<p>Subcommittee meeting on May 20 at 1pm. Ms. Ashcroft, asks Ms. Noriega to set it up at the hospital with call in number. Ms. Ashcroft reported that the subcommittee will review incident and accident reports and seclusion and restraints and correspondence.</p>				
Future Business Items	Laurie Goldstein membership				
Meeting Adjourned	<p>Meeting was adjourned at 7:00PM Mr. Gilcoatt makes a motion to adjourn meeting. Mr. Mancini seconds, all members vote in favor.</p> <p>Next meeting: June 4, 2015 6:00pm-8:30 pm</p>				