



Arizona State Hospital Human Rights Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 15, 2018 6:00-9:00PM Meeting AzSH Auditorium	Arizona State Hospital 2500 E. Van Buren St. Phoenix, AZ 85008
Members Present: Sharon Ashcroft- Education; Laurie Goldstein- Parent; Ashley Oddo-Law-(phone); Leon Canty- Consumer; Joe Contreras- Parent (phone)	
Other Attendees: Dana Hearn- AHCCCS, Assistant Director (phone); Yisel Sanchez- AHCCCS, Human Rights Committee Coordinator (phone); Anna Branson ACDL; Timothy Bribriesco- Pinion; King Allah -Pinion; Debra Brykowski	
Members Absent: Joe O’Cain- Consumer; Jim Gillcoatt- Behavioral Health RN; Kim Scherek- Psychology; Ross Davids- Psychology	
Next Meeting: April 19, 2018	
Approved: _____ Sharon Ashcroft, Chairman	



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Welcome and Introductions	Sharon Ashcroft calls meeting to order at 6:00pm.	NA	NA	NA
Disclosure of Conflict of Interest	Chair asks for disclosure of conflict of interest.	None noted		
Review January Meeting Minutes	Review and approve last month's minutes.	Motion to approve with corrections by Ashley, Leon seconded. All vote in favor.		
Recap Dr Christ's letter of February 13	<p>Discuss moving forward See letter</p> <p>State statute has recently been interpreted by AHCCCS administration and their attorneys to exclude HRC Forensic Campus oversight. Our scope will be limited to the Civil Campus.</p> <p>The letter from Dr Christ to the committee listed an addendum of 15 alleged examples of how Sharon</p>			



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	<p>displayed a conflict of interest to jeopardize committee</p> <p>Sharon noted willingness to step down if anyone feels that she is a liability or somehow detracting for what HRC is doing</p> <p>Leon voices concerns - not personal - how HRC running in relation to recent past and further concerns as former patient. Also cited his activities helping patients reintegrate in community as approved other.-unsure if he can continue - committee members noted he cannot.</p> <p>Laurie clarified that HRC members cannot privately advocate/support any Forensic patients. Laurie expressed it seems odd to limit support for any patients at ASH, since they all suffer with mental illness.</p>			



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	<p>Leon notes he is not sure if he should continue as a committee member due to conflict of interest and because he is still under the jurisdiction of the PSRB.</p> <p>Ashley asked for specific example and Leon noted that he was not able to finish the presentation with AHCCCS and perhaps will continue to do his part as a citizen to see it through He also mentioned that the new Forensic protocol dictated by ASH and AHCCCS might prohibit him from participating in fulfilling his responsibilities as an approved other Committee members noted he would no longer be allowed to participating in any Forensic patient's treatment and care if he remains an HRC member according to the new rules set forth in Dr Christ's letter.</p>			



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	<p>Sharon notes she would prefer for this situation to settle down and him take a leave , rather than step down from the HRC, if he wants to assess his role on the committee- can he wait a month and see what happens.</p> <p>Sharon notes so much is up in the air right now as far as the law - it is being voted on to change the wording to include forensic - it has passed in the senate and is up in the house.</p> <p>Committee members noted potential of seeking legal counsel for the HRC</p> <p>Sharon asked for Ashley's legal opinion to also be an advocate/friend/approved other while serving as an HRC member. Ashley notes that this subject is not in her area of expertise- she does criminal defense. She further notes she has no idea whether that is legal under</p>			



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	<p>the law and reviewed option to seek someone to advice.</p> <p>Committee members also discussed option of seeking some type of mediation to interact directly with those people involved in sending the letter outlining new ASH policies and procedures, as well as the 15 point addendum.</p> <p>Sharon discussed her recent personal visit, as a friend, on the forensic side of the hospital. She notes that a patient requested a visit from her to come and play cards. She instructed him to confirm she was on his list for visitors. He checked the visitation log on his unit, and filled her name in on the 10 am visitation slot. She went through security in the Forensic lobby and was escorted to the gym. She notes that she did not say that she was there as HRC</p>			



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	<p>and was on a regular visit. She followed the visitation guidelines per ASH administrative policy.</p> <p>The chair clarified that the new ASH parameters allow them to still conduct civil patients' visits and be a HRC. She also noted that HRC members can no longer be approved others.</p> <p>Leon asked Sharon her opinion on the Dr Christ letter as ASH HRC Chair.. Sharon stated that the letter from Dr Christ reduced her to tears, as it seemed vindictive and aimed directly at misrepresenting her actions.</p> <p>Sharon reviewed her love for the patients. She feels it is a privilege to serve all the patients at ASH.</p> <p>Sharon noted her referencing knives etc.in the fifteen points was related</p>	<p>Sharon asks to revisit in a month</p> <p>Ashley volunteered to be chair in March</p>		



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	<p>hula dancers performing for the Holiday party , and was followed by "jk" in an email to the hospital This is an example of how her words and actions were twisted in the letter from Dr Christ</p> <p>Leon noted no one would like to be the chair but due to the current situation maybe it would be a good idea to adjust the role.</p> <p>Laurie notes that this was discussion the committee previously had and all members can't be chair. They also made note that due to Leon's position with the PSRB he cannot be. Chair. Laurie posed the question anytime Leon speaks up "will there be retribution?"</p> <p>There was an interjection from the public and they were asked to await</p>			



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	<p>until the public portion of the meeting</p> <p>Ashley and Leon discussed rotating chair responsibility; Ashley discussed needing guidance; Laurie discussed travel conflicts</p> <p>Sharon notes prior to letter she had intention to step down and needed a break</p> <p>Leon notes stress and pressure shouldn't be on one person</p> <p>Leon notes he will give answer in a week</p> <p>Committee discussed potential reasons for the letter</p> <p>Committee discussed an article in the AZ Republic paper that Sharon was interviewed for, which cited Dr Christ needed to protect patient privacy from</p>	<p>HRC member agreed to follow up with patient after.</p>		



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	<p>an overzealous HRC</p> <p>Another article was referenced including ABC 15 and Laurie notes she had nothing to do with that</p> <p>Ashley and Sharon cited their call with Greg Honig at AHCCCS and discussion of public comment- Ashley does not believe open meeting law restricts public comment strictly to agenda items. Both Sharon and Ashley felt Hr Honig was threatening retaliation against the HRC should the comments about Dr Dingle be included in the November minutes.</p> <p>Sharon speculated that Dr. Christ might be upset d John Mancini was allowed to speak of Dr. Dingle's past BOMEX sanctions- but it was in the public comment section of the meeting</p>			



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	<p>Laurie notes that patients calling in should only relate their issues and should not be telling other people's stories or relating other people's private information.</p> <p>Laurie notes public comment citing safety concern. Committee discussed that public comment made in November regarding Dr Dingle, and the subsequent mention of those comments in the November minutes, prompted the letter from Dr Christ in part.</p> <p>Ashley does not believe statute speaks to limiting public comment.</p> <p>Sharon notes that when the HRC looked into civil side issues in the past that is how Dr. Bowen got his current job. The letter from Dr Christ alleges that the HRC spends more time with</p>			



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	<p>the Forensic population than with Civil patients. Laurie notes she can ask their lawyer in the building about some of the issues with the letter. Laurie might also follow up with Chick and Josh.</p> <p>Sharon recapped her roles with some forensic patients whom she has mentored for the last eight years.</p> <p>Public member interjected and noted that he is not allowed to attend meeting.</p>			
<p>Incident/Accident Reports – Jim Gillcoatt</p>	<p>Jim –unable to attend due to being a grandparent again.</p> <p>IAD discussed again and asked for more people to have access.</p> <p>AHCCCS requested those wanting access get training on front end to avoid multiple access issues and</p>	<p>Item tabled until next meeting -</p> <p>Sharon place on agenda for training at the next HRC meeting</p>	<p>Sharon</p>	<p>4/19/2018</p>



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	dealing with each person individually; discussed putting on future agenda.			
Site visit-	<p>Sharon asks who can do site visit during the week- or do we want to ask for weekends or evenings?</p> <p>During business hours is difficult for HRC committee members schedules. Noted having a list of patients to visit with Jaqueline</p> <p>Dana clarified they get a deliverable every month of Special Assistance members for potential site visits. Sharon explained that the list is how the HRC and Jacqueline choose patients for site visits, unless there is a specific visit request.</p> <p>Discussed options of others going on site visits from hospital versus Jackie if it is necessary to start non-business</p>	<p>Pended until later in meeting.</p> <p>Sharon agreed to send out to the committee.</p> <p>AHCCCS relayed we need to know who is point</p>	<p>Committee</p> <p>Sharon Ashcroft</p> <p>Committee</p>	4/19/2018



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	<p>appointments (discussed history of going with DC Foster in the past). Sharon clarified that they do not do unannounced visits.</p> <p>It was decided that rotating chair option will be discussed off line.</p>	<p>of contact and who should be displayed on website.</p>		
Public Comment	<p>Debra Brykowski – What happened to first amendment if you can't speak about your concerns during Public Comment or advocate for the forensic patients. HRC replied that they are working on this and they suggested that Debra call Dr. Christ because she said we can't interact with forensic patients anymore Debra wanted to know if the HRC could work with her since she is the guardian/mother of a Forensic patient. HRC asked Debra to be a member</p> <p>Timothy B has filed “stacks” of grievances and had numerous</p>			



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	<p>continuances. He just got a new treatment team after a hearing. Thanked the committee for their efforts.</p> <p>Anna Branson spoke up and notes she is not an HRC member and can still come see this patient. Timothy notes he is a fall risk and uses a walker and is in TSDs when he goes to appointments Feels this is retaliation Patient cited HIPAA concerns and federal law.</p> <p>Patient discussed moving units and doctors.</p> <p>Patient discussed event 18 years ago-states that the next few months are historically very difficult for him due to the trauma involved</p> <p>Patient notes he has sent documentation to Washington DC in November or March regarding HIPAA violations.</p> <p>Patient cites concerns of disrespectfulness from staff and teams</p>			



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	<p>Patient cites some staff only needs high school education - investigator keeps asking for extensions on grievances filed.</p> <p>Notes his grievance was about getting new treatment team. ASH wanted to close the matter, but he was assisted by his guardian and ACDL.</p> <p>Said he made past reference to civil and forensic patients not being allowed to mix/coincide. Notes that a civil patient was on Forensic 8/17 and member was assaulted and property was damaged.</p>			
Meeting Adjourn	Sharon calls for a motion to adjourn.	Laurie motioned to adjourn. Leon seconded, all voted in favor.		