



**SPECIAL MEETING of the VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS LHRC**  
**Minutes**  
**February 9, 2016**

**ATTENDANCE**

Committee:

Present: Denton Staley, Chair; Beverly Derian; (*via phone*) Deidre Mathena, Rachel Jones

Absent: Willie McFarlane, Elvera McLees, Mark Fendig

Others Present:

Dr. McKinell, Team Psychiatrist; Mike Jones, Director, Geriatric Unit and Jennifer Tuell, Social Worker; Cynthia McClaskey, Facility Director; Nan Neese, Regional Human Rights Advocate; Dwayne Lynch, OHR and Patricia Evans, CAP, Administrative Assistant

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Denton Staley, Chairperson, called the Local Human Rights Committee (LHRC) meeting to order at 12:20 P.M. on Tuesday, February 9, 2016, at Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute, Learning Center Dogwood Room.

**CLOSED SESSION – Patient #1**

Beverly Derian moved that the LHRC go into closed session pursuant to VA Code §2.2-3711.A. (4) and (15) for the purpose of protecting the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business and the discussion of medical and mental records, namely to conduct a review of informed consent related to treatment with Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT). The Chair requested all in favor to signify by saying “Yes” and all those opposed indicate by saying, “No.” The motion carried.

Beverly Derian moved that each member certify that to the best of their knowledge only matters lawfully exempted from open meetings requirements were heard, discussed, or considered. Each member replied “I so certify.” All members signified by stating, “I so certify” and the Chairman opened the meeting.

**OPEN SESSION**

Motion regarding the Review of Informed Consent to ECT. Having heard the testimony from Dr. Kelly McKinell; Mike Jones, Director, Geriatric Unit and Mrs. Jennifer Tuell, MSW, and reviewed the material evidence including but not limited to the record appointing the Authorized Representative and the written informed consent, the LHRC finds that Southwestern Virginia



Mental Health Institute has obtained informed consent in accordance with the Human Rights Regulations for the proposed Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT).

The motion passed.

### **CLOSED SESSION – Patient #2**

Beverly Derian moved that the LHRC go into closed session pursuant to VA Code §2.2-3711.A. (4) and (15) for the purpose of protecting the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business and the discussion of medical and mental records, namely to conduct a review of informed consent related to treatment with Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT). The Chair requested all in favor to signify by saying “Yes” and all those opposed indicate by saying, “No.” The motion carried.

Beverly Derian moved that each member certify that to the best of their knowledge only matters lawfully exempted from open meetings requirements were heard, discussed, or considered. Each member replied “I so certify.” All members signified by stating, “I so certify” and the Chairman opened the meeting.

### **OPEN SESSION**

Motion regarding the Review of Informed Consent to ECT. Having heard the testimony from Dr. Kelly McKinell; Mike Jones, Director, Geriatric Unit and Mrs. Jennifer Tuell, MSW, and reviewed the material evidence including but not limited to the record appointing the Authorized Representative and upon notification of the receipt of the written informed consent, the LHRC finds that Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute has obtained informed consent in accordance with the Human Rights Regulations for the proposed Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT).

The motion passed.

### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next LHRC meeting is scheduled to be held on **Tuesday, March 15, 2016**, at 12:00 Noon in the Dogwood Room of the Training Center.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 P.M.

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Chair