



**VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS LHRC
Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute
Learning Center - Dogwood Room
July 19, 2016**

ATTENDANCE

Committee:

Present: Denton Staley, Chair; Deidra Mathena, Willie McFarlane, Mark Fendig

Absent: Rachel Jones, Beverly Derian

Others Present:

Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., SWVMHI Facility Director; Russ McGrady, Clinical Director; Sheila Lapomarede, Psychologist; Jennifer Tuell, Social Worker; Dwayne Lynch, OHR; and Patricia Evans, CAP, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:21 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

Ms. Mathena moved to approve the LHRC Meeting agenda for May 17, 2016.
Ms. McFarlane seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by Committee.

REGIONAL ADVOCATE REPORT

Mr. Lynch reported that the proposed Human Rights Regulations were reviewed by the State Human Rights Committee and were forwarded for Executive Review. There have been no changes to the Human Rights Regs. The SHRC will advise what to do next. So far, the advocates have not given provided with any guidance on the regulations or committee member roles. It is expected that there will be more committee meetings with some subcommittee meetings as necessary, with at least 3 members in attendance. It is expected that the Human Rights Regs will become finalized and be implemented by the end of the year.



CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Fendig 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:

- 1) receive updates on a patient previously reviewed/approved for treatment with Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT);
- 2) to review Telephone and/or Mail Restrictive Plans;
- 3) to review an individual service plan
- 4) review of Ward Guidelines.

The Chair requested all in favor to signify by saying “Yes” and all those opposed indicate by saying, “No.” The motion carried.

Ms. McFarlane 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

Having heard the testimony from Ms. Jennifer Tuell, MSW; Mr. Russ McGrady, Clinical Director; and Sheila Lapomarede, Psychologist, receiving the update on the patient receiving treatment with Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT); having reviewed the Telephone and/or Mail Restrictive plans; having reviewed the individual service plan of a patient with high risk for suicide; and reviewing the Ward Guidelines, the LHRC finds that Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute has obtained informed consent in accordance with the Human Rights Regulations.

The motion passed.

SWVMHI REPORTS

Facility Updates: Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., Director, expressed her appreciation to the LHRC Committee members for their dedicated service.

She announced the EHR (Electronic Health Record) went live in April and May and was generally going well. A 30-day survey received 38% responses showing good training and satisfied users of the product. Through the EHR, the risk of medication errors has gone to zero.



NEXT MEETING DATE

The next LHRC meeting is scheduled to be held on **Tuesday, September 20, 2016**, at 12:00 Noon in the Dogwood Room of the Training Center.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

Chair