

MINUTES VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING



Tuesday, July 30, 2013
SWVMHI – Training Center Conference Room
12:00 Noon

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Fendig, Chair
Denton Staley
Willie McFarlane
Beverly Derian
Elvera McLees

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jo Ann Johns
Rachel Jones

OTHERS PRESENT:

Nan Neese, Regional Human Rights Advocate
Marcia Richardson, Administrative Assistant
Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., Facility Director
R. Michael Jones, Ph.D., Acute Treatment Services Program Director
Leiann K. Smith, L.C.S.W

The Local Human Rights Committee (LHRC) Special Meeting was called to order by Mark Fendig, Chairperson, at approximately 12:15 P.M. on Tuesday, July 30, 2013, at Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute's Learning Center to conduct a review of and interview with a proposed Next Friend Authorized Representative for a SWVMHI client and to participate in training.

Dr. Elvera McLees 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 review of and interview with a proposed Next Friend Authorized Representative for an individual receiving services within SWVMHI. Ms. Willie McFarlane seconded the motion, and the LHRC entered closed session.

Dr. Elvera McLees moved to convene public session, Ms. Willie McFarlane seconded the motion, and the Chairman opened the meeting. Dr. Elvera McLees 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. Ms. Willie McFarlane seconded the motion. Each member properly certified.

The LHRC accepted the testimony of Dr. Jones and Ms. Smith relative to the need for an Authorized Representative and received documentary evidence. In the absence of Ms. Elsie Boyd, the Committee was unable to render a finding in accordance with 12VAC35-115-146.B.2-5. to support the Director's designation of this Next Friend at this time.

The Committee gave the floor to Nan Neese, Regional Advocate, who conducted a very brief PowerPoint overview entitled Conducting a Hearing.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 P.M.

Chair