



**SPECIAL MEETING of the VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS LHRC
Subcommittee Minutes
REVIEW of NEXT FRIEND AR
December 22, 2014**

ATTENDANCE

Committee:

Present: Denton Staley, Chair; Beverly Derian; and Willie McFarlane (*via phone*)

Absent: Rachel Jones; Mark Fendig; and Elvera McLees

Others Present:

Mallory Jessee, Social Worker; Dr. Jeffrey Gordon, Team Psychiatrist; Cynthia McClaskey, PhD, Facility Director; Nan Neese, Regional Human Rights Advocate and Patricia Evans, CAP, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Staley, Chairperson, called the Local Human Rights Committee (LHRC) subcommittee meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. on Monday, December 22, 2014, at Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute, Learning Center Dogwood Room.

The purpose of this meeting is to conduct a review concerning a proposed Next Friend Authorized Representative. The LHRC will entertain a motion for a closed session in order to protect private health information.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Staley 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 and interview with a proposed next friend Authorized Representative. Ms. Derian seconded the motion. Acting Chair requested all in favor to signify by saying "Yes" and all those opposed indicate by saying, "No." The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Staley moved to convene public session. Mr. Staley 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. Derian seconded the motion and each member replied "I so certify."



OPEN SESSION

In accordance with 12VAC35-115-250.D.12, having heard and reviewed the evidence, including but not limited to testimony from Dr. Gordon and Ms. Jessee, relative to the capacity determination, and interviewed Verna Gross, the proposed Next Friend, the subcommittee finds that the Director's designation of Ms. Gross as Next Friend Authorized Representative for Mr. "W" complies with requirements of the Human Rights regulation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Derian and voted upon in order to be passed.

The LHRC members extended their appreciation to Ms. Gross for her commitment to this individual and willingness to accept these responsibilities.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:42 P.M.

Subcommittee Chair