

**MINUTES
VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING**



**Tuesday, July 23, 2013
SWVMHI – Training Center Conference Room
12:00 Noon**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jo Ann Johns
Willie McFarlane
Elvera McLees

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mark Fendig, Chair
Beverly Derian
Rachel Jones
Denton Staley

OTHERS PRESENT:

Nan Neese, Regional Human Rights Advocate
Marcia Richardson, Administrative Assistant
Everett Jones, M.D.
Leiann K. Smith, L.C.S.W
Ron Parsons, Program Director

In the absence of the Virginia Highlands LHRC Chairman, Dr. Elvera McLees agreed to serve as Chairperson of the subcommittee. Dr. McLees called the meeting to order at approximately 12:10 P.M. on Tuesday, July 23, 2013, at Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute's Learning Center to conduct review of the informed consent obtained for Electroconvulsive Treatment (ECT) for a SWVMHI client.

Ms. Willie McFarlane moved that the Subcommittee 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 informed consent related to treatment with ECT. Ms. JoAnn Johns seconded the motion, and the Subcommittee entered closed session.

Ms. Willie McFarlane moved to convene public session, Ms. JoAnn Johns seconded the motion, and the Subcommittee reentered public session. Ms. Willie 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. Ms. JoAnn Johns seconded the motion. Each member properly certified.

Having heard and reviewed the evidence including, but not limited to, testimony from Everett Jones, M.D., and Leiann K. Smith, L.C.S.W., and the documentary evidence presented, the LHRC Subcommittee finds that appropriate informed consent for Electroconvulsive Treatment (ECT) has been obtained in accordance with regulation.

Dr. McLees requested an update regarding the individual's progress at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Ms. Nan Neese, Advocate, informed the Committee that there might be a need for an additional Subcommittee meeting to review a proposed next friend AR designation.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 P.M.

Chair