

DRAFT MINUTES SWVMHI LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING



Friday, August 21, 2009
SWVMHI Bagley Building ~ "F" Conference Room
10:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Deidra Mathena, Chair
Elouise Vaught
Willie McFarlane
Rachel Jones
Peggy Phipps

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jennifer Cregger, L.C.S.W., Clinical Social Worker, Geriatric Services, SWVMHI
Deborah Jones, L.C.S.W., Human Rights Advocate
Lisa Berry, CPS, Secretary
Geriatric Patient
W.C., Prospective Next Friend of Geriatric Patient

CALL TO ORDER

The Local Human Rights Committee (L.H.R.C) was called to order by Deidra Mathena, Chair, at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, August 21, 2009, in the Bagley Building, "F" Conference Room, of Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF NEXT FRIEND

A motion was made and unanimously approved to accept the minutes of the March 26, 2009, meeting.

The motion was made and passed to go into Closed Session pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711.A.(4) and (15), for the protection of privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business and to review medical records, namely to conduct a review pursuant to the regulations.

Upon reconvening in public session, the Local Human Rights Committee unanimously certified that only public business matters lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the Closed Session were discussed in the Closed Session.

Jennifer Cregger, L.C.S.W., Clinical Social Worker, provided a brief background and history of a Geriatric patient who is in need of an Authorized Representative. Ms. Cregger stated that the patient had no blood relatives able to serve in this capacity. The patient was present and acknowledged her desire to have her friend serve as her authorized representative, and the friend acknowledged her willingness to do so.

Upon determining that W.C. had has regular contact/communication with the Geriatric patient and provided significant emotional, personal, financial, spiritual, psychological, or other support and assistance to this individual per 12VAC35-115-146 (B.2.b.) of the Rules and Regulations to Assure the Rights of Individuals Receiving Services from Providers Licensed, Funded or Operated by the DBHDS, a motion was made, seconded and passed to appoint W.C. to serve as the patient's Next Friend and Authorized Representative.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next L.H.R.C. meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, September 10, 2009**, at 12 Noon in Room 106 of the Henderson Building on the grounds of SWVMHI.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 A.M.

Chair

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